Denver Field Ornithologists Meeting Minutes

1980-1986

January 22, 1980

The regular meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists was called to order at 7:45 by the President, who announced the recent death of Don Thatcher, whose wife Hazel had died shortly before, and Carol paid tribute to Don for all that he had done for the Museum and for us.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved, as was the treasurer's report showing a checking account balance of $747.93 and a savings account balance of $2,730.94. The President offered new membership rosters as of summer, 1979, to any new members present. Under old business, she thanked all Christmas Count participants and complimented the compilers.

As for new business, she announced that Hugh Kingery will be teaching bird watching for beginners at South High School starting March 3. She also asked members to pass on information and to sign a petition a petition against trapping at Cherry Creek and Chatfield recreation areas.

Catherine Hurlbutt told us that she wants something done to stop the wiring or tying of birds' legs when they are legally used in training bird dogs for aid in bird shooting. Lisa Bardwell announced a course at the Museum in bird-skinning, with Dr. Ryder teaching.

Guests and new members were introduced, and Don Johnson was presented as our next month speaker. Under sightings, Bob Spencer mentioned unusual gulls, as well as hooded mergansers, Mary Jane Schock spoke of the pine warbler, which had been identified, and Jack Reddall told of having a Ross's Goose behind his property. Don Johnson talked about joining the eagle counts, and Hugh Kingery said a recent heronry count at Chatfield found none.

Harold Holt gave us his annual slide show – Birds of 1978 and 1979 – with an interesting discussion of finding these birds. Adjourned 9:20.

Margo Chadwick, Recording Secretary

DFO Treasurer's Report 1/22/80

Checking Account

Balance 11/26/79	234.51
Credits 11/27/79-1/22/80	791.00
157 memberships @5.00 (785.00)	
2 junior memberships @2.50 (5.00)	
2 decals @ 0.50 (1.00)	
Debits 11/27/79-1/22/80	236.08
2 rolls stamps, 30.00	
Rubber stamp & pad, 9.79	
Petty cash, 5.00	
Christmas Ct. – J. Trainor, 3.04	
Siler's, 82.80	

Siler's, 105.45	
Balance 1/22/80	747.93

Savings Account

Balance 11/26/79	2,676.04
12/4 Gift – Joe Roller	20.00
12/30 Interest	34.90
Balance 1/22/80	2,730.94

Mary Jane Schock, Treasurer

February 26, 1980

The President, Carol Hack, called the regular meeting to order at 7:45. Minutes of the January meeting were read. A correction in the bank account figures was requested.

The treasurer reported a new checking account balance of $819.65 and a savings account balance of $2,730.94.

Under old business, Carol asked for more unusual sightings to be reported to the Bird Alert.

Under new business, Hugh Kingery announced that the Governor's Front Range Project needs public discussion. Task forces will study several areas, and County Commissioners will start having county forums in June to spread the news of the importance of the environment for everyone. He wants us to take an active part in this.

Patty Echelmeyer will be selling prints of Bald Eagle photos, and she asked members to call or write Steve Bissell to support a bird count of all birds in the Denver area for the next twelve months. Address him at 6060 Broadway, 80216, Division of Wildlife, or call 825-1192, ext. 337.

Kathy Hawkins is helping sell the new Texas Coast Field Guide coauthored by Jim Lane and Harold Holt, and Carol said that we appreciate Harold's donation of 40% of all sales of his bird guides to the DFO.

Sightings reported included 18 White-tailed Ptarmigans on last Saturday's field trip to Guanella Pass, a glaucous gull at San Pedro Reservoir, and a black and white warbler reported by Mary Jane Dexter.

Carol asked anyone who sees a green parakeet reported as seen at a Wheat Ridge feeder to call her, and C. Hurlbutt said this type of bird is very hardy (a Quaker or Monk Parakeet).

Patty introduced our speaker, Don Johnson, who gave a fascinating slide program about the *516 American Bald Eagles Who Came to Dinner.*

Margo Chadwick
Recording Secretary

DFO Treasurer's Report 2/26/1980

Checking Account

Balance 1/22/80	747.93
Credits 1/22/80-2/26/80	238.85
46 memberships 230.00	
Checklist sales 8.85	
Debits 1/22/80-2/26/80	167.13
Jack Reddall, postage 14.53	
Siler's 112.60	
P.O. Bulk fee 40.00	
Balance 2/26/80	819.65

Savings Account

Balance 1/22/80	2,730.94
Balance 2/26/80	2,730.94

Mary Jane Schock, Treasurer

Board Meeting, March 1, 1980

This Saturday evening board meeting was held at the home of the president, Carol Hack. After the reading of the minutes and budget from the October board meeting, Carol asked for suggested names for a new nominating committee. Several names were offered. Then we were asked to decide about renewing our contract with the museum for use of the West Auditorium and also about assurance that we had a qualified museum staff person member to open the auditorium for our meetings.

Bob Spencer moved that week accept and sign next season's contract. With no further discussion, this motion was passed. It was then suggested by Sylvia Brockner that one of our members who does museum volunteer work might be certified as an honorary staff member or a $1-a-year person to be qualified to "open" for our meetings. The President will investigate this possibility. Bob Rozinski and Bob Righter were mentioned as alternates for Lisa Bardwell.

Hugh Kingery wants someone from DFO to work up reports from our Denver field trip records to send in to AMERICAN BIRDS. Mildred Snyder was suggested.

Due to increased costs of printing and mailing, we were asked about sending continued free monthly bulletins to NATIONAL AUDUBON, COSC, NATIONAL AUDUBON in San Francisco, and Denver Public Library. After discussion, it was decided that the corresponding secretary write all of these, except the Library, asking what use they made of our bulletins, and Harold Holt amended his motion asking them also to send us a free yearly subscription to DFO in exchange. Motion carried.

Carol asked the board what she should do with the twenty odd paintings, including 18 framed watercolors of birds, which Harold Rollin has given DFO over the years and which have been retrieved from the Bird Room closet and are now stored at Carol's home. She brought them out for us to see. Several ideas were presented regarding seeing Mr. Rollin and agreeing with him as to their current value. Dieter Kamm suggested we offer them for sale, first to our members, at prices agreed upon with the artist. Bill Brockner suggested that Harold Holt and Joe Wrigley contact Mr. Rollin and ask his opinions as to valuation of the paintings and their sale that might create a club fund to be used for conservation purposes in the future. Harold was appointed to arrange this.

Dieter said that he feels DFO should have some definite goals as stated in our by-laws, and that we should publicize for our members our conservation expenditures, accomplishments, and aims, perhaps in an annual report. Bob Spencer moved that we put out an annual report telling what our members have been doing and what our projects are. Lynn Willcockson seconded, and it was suggested that mailing labels be put on the report copies and they should be mailed only to those members who had not picked them up at a regular meeting. This motion carried. Harold Holt moved that Bob Spencer work up this annual report, and this motion also carried. Carol said she would help Bob.

Patty Echelmeyer said she would plan a Club History program to be presented by members, for the May regular meeting at the museum. She also asked for volunteers for the DAS Birdathon, and the board agreed that our bulletin may mention DFO's cooperation with DAS in the listing of Hugh Kingery's DFO April field trip.

Dieter suggested that the DFO officers be "charged" to make a list of the club's assets or possessions and their current locations. The President stated that an inventory of the DFO properties stored at the museum has just recently been made by herself and Kathy Hawkins, and that the present location of other club belongings will be added, for our files. She also said that she and the recording secretary will go over the club's old minutes during the summer and make a digest from these as to DFO accomplishments and decisions in the past.

As a final item of business, Harold Holt asked the Board their wish as to making use of his new project of publishing a calendar giving Denver-area "arrival and departure" dates. He offered it free to DFO for inclusion in our bulletin, perhaps spring arrivals in a spring issue and fall departures in a fall issue. Bob Spencer moved that we accept Harold's offer with our thanks. This motion was quickly passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM, after enjoyment of coffee, tea, and cookies.

March 25, 1980

The regular meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists was called to order at 7:45 on March 25, 1980, by the President. Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer had sent in figures to be read in her absence, as follows: Checking Account = $776.51 and Savings Account = $2,790.68.

No old business being announced, Carol told us of a petition being circulated by Colin Murray in the hope of preventing the activities of a gravel company in Deer Creek Canyon, and members were invited to sign.

New members were introduced. Sightings were requested. Harold Holt amplified on data and figures given in his new Spring Bird Arrival calendar, which was included with our March *Lark Bunting*, and urged members to turn in any reports of unusually early arrival dates they may observe. He says his fall calendar of departure dates will be published in June. Dr. Chadwick reported 2 White-winged Scoters at Windsor Reservoir, and a Say's Phoebe was seen in Wheat Ridge. Ruth Wheeler passed on a report of another Monk Parakeet sighting in the neighborhood where one was seen earlier. Patty Echelmeyer reported several unusual gulls at Sloan's Lake and also a Sage Sparrow near Fraser, good birds at Bluebird Motel near Grand Lake and also near Estes Park. A Franklin's gull and Whistling swan were seen by Kathy Hawkins at Cherry Creek, and on her field trip to Windsor Lake and Fairmount Cemetery there were red crossbills near the mausoleum. Don Johnson reported several raptor species seen recently.

Patty introduced our speaker, Bob Rozinski, a professional photographer, who is active in teaching nature photography locally and who presented a fine slide program of close-up bird pictures and an excellent discussion of equipment and techniques.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Margo Chadwick, Secretary

Denver Field Ornithologists Treasurer's Report 3/25/80

Checking Account

Balance 2/26/80		$819.65
Credits 2/27/80-3/25/80		$ 57.25
11 Memberships	$ 55.00	
Miscellaneous	$ 2.25	
	$57.25	
Debits 2/27/80-3/25/80		$100.39
Roscoe Eddings	$ 13.50	
Aud. Attendant		
Siler's	$ 86.89	
	$100.39	
Balance 3/25/80		$776.51

Savings Account

Balance 2/26/80		$2,730.94
Interest 2/29/80	$35.74	
Deposit 3/4/80	$24.00	$2,790.68
H. Holt Book Comm.		
Print Sales		
Check Lists		
Balance 3/25/80		$2,790.68

Mary Jane Schock, Treasurer

April 22, 1980

The Denver Field Ornithologists regular monthly meeting was called to order on Tuesday evening, April 22, [1980] in the West Auditorium of the Denver Museum of Natural History, by Carol Hack, President.

Mention was made of miscellaneous books and related items from the estate of Don Thatcher – for sale that is.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report from M.J. Schock. Balance Checking was $776.51. 5 new memberships and 1 Junior, Balance $641.04. Savings Account balance $2,811.25.

The President called for old business, resolution on trapping at Cherry Creek State Park (which has been halted). Further discussion Nancy Jones.

President called for new business. Announcement from Gus Swanson at CSU re American Ornithological Union meeting in August 1980.

Nominating Committee report: Jan Justice. Offices 1980-81 per print info in *Lark Bunting*.

Patty Echelmeyer reported on trip to Green Valley, Arizona, where she visited with Christine Bonney, who is recuperating from an accident. Also went birding with Ray O'Leary [? – Handwriting difficult to read]. P.E. indicated that Christine would appreciate notes and visits, if anyone was down in the area.

Ruth Wheeler (Program leader), annual Boulder Audubon Hawk watch April 26. Clarified Mueller Ranch trip transportation arrangements. See Newsletter. Also, mentioned program of Colorado Field Ornithologists, Memorial Day weekend at Boulder and other field trips. Pitch for CFO.

Bob Spencer stressed May and June trip schedule in this newsletter. Lyle Jordan will have trip in North Park, June mid-week – June 17, 18, 19. Will need reservation by June 1.

Harold Hold commented that late Bulletin deliveries are a Post Office problem, not a production problem.

Guests and new members: Irma Applegren introduced cousin and her husband from Leeds, U.K.
Note: M. Douls were late.

Sightings: Thompson Marsh (with tongue in cheek?) told a story on Bob Spencer and verifying the Pine Warbler last Christmas. Bob Spencer at Chatfield, White-faced Ibis; snowy egret at Plum Creek inlet. Harold Holt reports (Bill Brockner) Ibis at Evergreen Lake, and Joey Findley[?] Greater and Lesser Yellow-Legs and all varieties of sandpipers at Little Vail Reservoir. Bob Andrews, Worm-eating Warbler at Barr perv.(?) seen(?) East side near east Rookery Overlook.

Paul Rechel And Work (?) on Sunday April 6, Don Johnsons: Merlins, Warblers, etc. at Red Rocks and Goldens and Goshawk, Owls with chicks (Horned).

Mildred Snyder reported albino Mourning Dove at Cherry Creek.

Kathy Hawkins: Sanderling at Prospect Reservoir and 3 White Pelicans.

Patty Echelmeyer, Program Chair, introduced Steve Bissell from Department of Wildlife.

Program will be on urban wildlife from the non-game section. Overview of non-game with some reference to urban wildlife.

Meeting was adjourned.

Denver Field Ornithologists Treasurer's Report April 22, 1980

Checking Account

Balance 3/25/80			$776.51
Credits 3/26/80-4/22/80			$ 27.50
5 Memberships		$ 25.00	
1 Junior Membership		$ 2.50	
		$ 27.50	
Debits 3/26/80-4/22/80			$162.97
Siler's	$162.97		
	$162.97		
Balance April 22, 1980			$641.04

Savings Account

Balance 3/25/80		$2,790.68
Deposit 4/7/80	$ 20.60	$2,811.28
H. Holt Book Comm.		

Balance 4/22/80 $2,811.28

Mary Jane Schock, Treasurer

May 27, 1980

The regular meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists was called to order at 7:45 on May 27, 1980, by President Carol Hack.

The minutes for the April 22 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance in the checking account of $582.77, and a balance in the savings account of $2,811.28.

Old business was called for, with none presented.

New business was called:

Carol read a note from Margo Chadwick thanking all for support during her period of convalescing from an accident.

Bob Andrews announced a Friday June 20 Museum Program on hawk identification.

Catherine Hurlbutt commented on the need for a Speakers Bureau.

Ruth Wheeler announced specifics on the pending Mueller Ranch field trip and the North Park field trip.

The slate of officers for the coming year was offered by the Nominating Committee, which was comprised of Jan Justice, Thompson Marsh, and Inez Prather.

The slate was as follows:
President: Bob Andrews
Vice President: Patty Echelmeyer
Treasurer Mary Jane Schock
Recording Secretary: Paul Rechel
Corresponding Secretary Hazel Kellogg
Board of Directors: Henry G. Bossman and Margaret Elliot

Joyce Cooper moved that the nominations be closed. The vote was unanimous, which approved the slate offered by the Nominating Committee.

Guests and new members were introduced.

Sightings were called for, and they included:

Bob Spencer: Palm Warbler in Jefferson County, east of Golden on May 8; White-faced Ibis in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Bob Andrews: Bay Breasted Warbler, Boulder; Least Bittern, Sawhill; Philadelphia Vireo, Whimbrel, Ruddy Turnstone, Chestnut-sided Warbler.
Red Crossbills, Red Feather Lakes.
Don Johnson: Black Tern, southwest Metro Area
Black and White Warbler Vic Castlewood Canyon
Patty Echelmeyer: Northern Water Thrush; Ovenbird in her yard, Wheat Ridge
Kathy Hawkins: Harris Sparrow at Chatfield, Least Flycatcher
Numerous reports of Rose-breasted Grosbeaks in early May
Thompson Marsh reports via M.J. Schock a possible woodcock (? Re Castlewood)
Occasional reports on Green Herons

Patty Echelmeyer introduced the program as Rita and Charles Summers with a slide program on the Bear River marshes in Utah – a program with some remarkable photography.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Denver Field Ornithologists Treasurer's Report May 27, 1980

Checking Account:

Balance 4/22/80		$641.04
Credits 4/23/80-5/27/80		$45.00
9 Memberships @ $5.00		
Debits 4/23/80-5/27/80		$103.27
Phipps Attendant		
April meeting	$ 13.50	
Siler's	$ 89.77	
	$103.27	
Balance 5/27/80		$582.77

Savings Account:

Balance 4/22/80	$2,811.28
Balance 5/27/80	$2,811.28

Mary Jane Schock, Treasurer

September 23, 1980

Regular meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists called to order at 7:40 by President Bob Andrews.

Visitors and new members were introduced.

The Treasurer's report was deferred till next meeting.

The minutes for the May 27 meeting were read and approved.

Old business was called for, with none presented.

New business was called:

Bob Andrews announced the Denver Audubon Society Annual Art Show to be held at the Applewood Art Gallery, opening October 25 and running until November 19 – with a painting of a pygmy owl done by artist Don Malick to be sold, with the proceeds going to a DAS-DFO Don and Hazel Thatcher Memorial.

Bob also relayed the concern from the Evergreen Audubon Chapter and Dieter Kamm in relation to the Jeffco Open Space ballot issues.

Hugh Kingery announced the course, which he instructs in beginning bird watching at C.U. Denver Center for Continuing Education.

Bob Spencer reported on the Colorado Division of Wildlife's Urban Wildlife program and a field trip for the Sloan's Lake area to be led by Steve Bissell.

Also, a Don Thatcher Day was mentioned for October 25 at Red Rocks Park to pick up trash and do a little birding.

Sightings were then called for and they included:

At Barr Lake: Little Gull, Ruddy Turnstone & Black-throated Blue Warbler

At Chatfield: Red Phalarope and Peregrine Falcon

Parker Road south of Arapahoe Road: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Also Hooded Merganser & Barn Owl & marked California Gulls

The program was two parts with Henry Bossman describing an April drive into summer through the upper Midwest and then south. Don Johnson presented an array of slides on Br. Col. and the Pacific Northwest.

October 28, 1980

The regular meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists was called to order by the Vice President Patty Echelmeyer at 7:40 p.m.

The minutes of the September 23 meeting were read and approved.

M.J. Schock, the treasurer reported a balance of $205.73 in the checking account and $2901.83 in the savings account.

Old business was called for and Harold Holt brought up the subject of the Howard Rollin paintings, and it was decided that this was an item for Board action.

New business was called:

Bob Spencer had 2 items: First was a report on the upcoming Jeffco Open Space election. Second was a report on the first Don Thatcher Day held at Red Rocks on Saturday morning October 25. Formal report is entered as part of the minutes.

Irma Applegren suggested a D.F.O. short course Intro to Birding.

Sightings were called and included a Rare Bird Alert call from Bruce Webb for Baseline Reservoir: Sabine's Gull, Surf Scoter, Arctic and Common Loon.

Other sightings included: Palm Warbler near Morrison; White-winged Scoter, Windsor Lake; Black Scoter at Cherry Creek; Red Phalarope at Prospect, Clear Creek.
Red-throated Loon at Cherry Creek and other loons.
Foster Whooping Crane at San Luis Valley and Sandhills.
Light phase Harlan's Hawk
Mildred Snyder banded two Nashville Warblers in October.
Parrot at Chatfield with Starlings.
Old Squaw at Jackson

New members and visitors were introduced.

Program was a very interesting slide presentation by Harold Holt on their summer trip to Churchill on Hudson Bay.

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10/28/80

Report on Don Thatcher Day, Red Rocks, Saturday October 25, 1980, 8 AM to noon.

Weather was cloudy, cool, calm.

Dieter Kamm and Bob Spencer, Coordinators.

Collected 620# of trash plus 5 tires and 2 rims by 6 teams and 2 individuals.

Winning team was: Chuck and Emily Durham with 137# plus 1 tire, 1 wheel with tire, and 1 rim.

Second place: Frank and Jan Justice and Nancy Zavitz with 111# plus 3 tires.

Tied for third place was two teams:
Warren Finch and Mary Jane Schock with 81½# plus 1 tire.
and
Dieter and Alicia Kamm, and Richard and Karl 80# plus 10 pounds of aluminum cans.

Tied for fourth place: 2 teams:
Ruth Wheeler, Frieda Koolik, Marguerite Brockmeir, 57#
and
Bernice Merry and Nancy Henke, 54#

Bob Spencer, 15#
Hugh Kingery and class, 9½ #

We saw 23 species of birds, including an immature Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Canyon Wrens were especially active.

[signed] R. Spencer

Denver Field Ornithologists Treasurer's Report 10/28/80

Checking Account:

Balance 5/27/80		$582.77
Credits 5/27/80 to 10/28/80		$ 82.00
16 Memberships @$5.00	$80.00	
Plus $2.00	$ 2.00	
	$82.00	
Debits 5/27/80 to 10/28/80		$459.04
Hawk Program	15.00	
Stamps	15.00	
Jack Reddall	17.30	
Bob Spencer	9.44	
Siler's (7/15)	159.41	
Siler's (8/21)	83.86	
Siler's (10/7)	70.38	
Siler's (10/8)	88.65	
	459.04	
Balance 10/28/80		$205.73

Savings Account:

Balance 5/27/80			$2811.28
Deposits			
5/30	Interest	37.08	
6/13	Book Comm	15.60	
8/29	Interest	37.87	
		90.55	90.55
Balance 10/28/80			$2,901.83

Mary Jane Schock, Treasurer

November 6, 1980

Board Meeting at Vice President Patty Echelmeyer

Minutes of March 1 Meeting read and approved.

Old Business from minutes items of discussion:

1. Status of personnel to open West Auditorium for meetings. Carol has handed this off to R. Andrews.
2. Free Bulletin problem appeared to resolve itself.
3. Rollin paintings still in limbo, pending Bill Brockner and Dieter Kamm looking into this. To resolve disposition and valuation.
4. Annual Report. Report by Bob Spencer starting with 1979-80 is complete with presentation on each proposal. Cover white-wing junco by Joe Rigli. Content. Bylaws. Spring and Fall Counts. Museum. Bird Room renovation, Niedrach Trail work at Barr Lake. Expense a ? R.A. Relevance is significant and not an overlap of CFO. Rough final on the Project by Jan 1981.
5. Dieter is interested in objective of habitat preservation and small sanctuary.
    a. Discussion of goals.
    b. Dieter moved one of major goals of DFO is to preserve and maintain habitat in the greater Denver area. Second by Lynn Willcockson. Passed unanimously.
    c. Meeting to stress this in Jan 1981.

New Business:

Suggestion of more systemized field trips for quasi-scientific purposes; need for baseline studies.

Question on Memorials for Dr. Bailey and Don Thatcher.

Budget

M. J. Schock: 265 members	$1,300.00
Newsletters	$85-$90 per month
Misc. postage and envelopes	$50.00
Mail permit	$40.00
Attendant at meeting	$13.50
Reddall	$20 extra
Total per year	$1,360.00

Budget as presented moved and seconded.

Ways & Means to supplement income and hold dues to $5.00 suggested. Will call for volunteers from general meeting to handle aluminum cans to start and then turn to garage sale in spring.

Beginning birders course at perhaps $5.00 per throw – delay action until next meeting but response is favorable.

Need to revisit previous minutes as to history. It should be Ruth Wheeler versus Patty Echelmeyer.

November 25, 1980

Regular monthly meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists was called to order at 7:45 by President Bob Andrews.

The minutes of the October 28 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was submitted by Jan Justice standing in for Mary Jane Schock. The checking account balance was $104.78 and the savings account balance was $2,901.03.

Introduction of new members and visitors was called for.

Old Business was called:

*Mention was again made of the Howard Rollin paintings and the item was referenced for board action.
*There was a discussion regarding identifying signs, giving credit as necessary, for the Niedrach Trail at Barr Lake State Park.

New Business was called:

*Frank Justice gave us a final rundown on the Christmas count event.
*Reference was made to commending Mobile Pre-Mix for a careful cleanup of an oil spill from a concrete truck.

Sightings were called: Sabine's Gull at Sloan's Lake; Green Heron and Snow Geese at Chatfield; Black-legged Kittiwake, Hooded Merganser, and Snow Geese at Cherry Creek. Mention of number of Lewis's Woodpecker sighting.

Program: Jim Tate, principal environmental coordinator for Atlantic Richfield with a background at Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Alaska's Changing Wilderness (slides).

Denver Field Ornithologists Treasurer's Report November 25, 1980

Checking Account:

Balance 10/28/80		$205.73
Credits 10/28/80 – 11/25/80		$ 21.00
Checklists	$ 1.00	
4 Memberships	$20.00	
	$21.00	
Debits 10/28 – 11/25/80		$121.95
Siler's	$ 121.95	
Balance November 25, 1980		$104.78

Savings Account:

Balance 10/28/80	$2,901.83
Balance 11/25/80	$2,901.83

Mary Jane Schock, Treasurer

January 27, 1981

Regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:40 by President Bob Andrews.

The minutes of the November 25 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Mary Jane Schock.
The checking account balance was $756.59 and the savings account balance was $2,939.81.

The introduction of new members and visitors was called for.

Old Business was called:

Irma Applegren again urged the adoption of a program of orientation for beginning birders. President Bob Andrews indicated that it would be an agenda item for the next board meeting.

New Business was called:

Hugh Kingery presented three items of business.
1. A request from the Denver Art Museum for someone to help identify the birds in a painting by Carpaccio (a part of the Thyssen showing).
2. Introductory discussion of the Spring Denver Audubon Society Birdathon.
3. A description of the Don Malick Pygmy Owl painting which was sold at the Denver Audubon Society Art Show with $350.00 of the proceeds going to DFO in memory of Don Thatcher.

Sightings were called for:

Gyrfalcon and Snowy Owl at Prewitt Reservoir along with Glaucous Gulls. At Chatfield there were Old Squaws, Lapland Longspurs, and Bald Eagles. Long-eared Owls at Barr Lake along Bromley Lane. Lewis's Woodpeckers and Horned Owls near Sedalia. Lots and lots of Hawks out east. Black-crowned Night Heron in January along the South Platte near Alameda, and also a White-fronted Goose. 70 Cedar Waxwings.

The program *You Can't Get Enough of Alaska* was presented by Paul and Shirley Rechel.

Denver Field Ornithologists Treasurer's Report January 27, 1981

Checking Account:

Balance 11/25/80		$104.78
Credits 11/25/80 – 1/22/81		
193 Renewals and New Memberships @ $5.00 each	$965.00	$972.00
2 Jr. Renewals @ 2.50	$5.00	
Checklists	$2.00	
	$972.00	
Debits 11/25/80 – 1/22/81		$320.19
Siler's	$ 180.74	
Siler's	$ 87.70	
Tripod Repairs	$ 15.75	
Stamps	$ 30.00	
Nat'l Audubon CC	$ 3.00	
Service Charge	$ 3.00	
	$320.19	
Balance 1/22/81	$756.59	

Savings Account:

Balance 11/25/80	$2,901.83
Interest	$ 37.98
Balance January 27, 1981	$2,939.81

Mary Jane Schock, Treasurer

February 24, 1981

Meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists was called to order at 7:55.

Following viewing of Audubon prints and interesting discussion of income (?)tax (?) by Nate Jessup of Burke (?) on Blake Gallery.

Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's report submitted.

Guests and new members.

Old Business:

Birdathon: Proceeds to Grasslands and the Research Grants Program.

New Business:

Hugh Kingery
*On Merle Barbour (eulogy) Ref to celebration of life that was the funeral service for Merle
*Memorial program on how to attract birds in the yard in new area for memorial for Merle B.
*Patty Echelmeyer furthered comments by Hugh K. in reference to his eulogy to Merle at the funeral.
*Acknowledgement of Catherine Hurlbutt's birthday
*Word from Joe Trunos
*Hazel Kellogg: Letter addressed to club from Don Thatcher's daughter (Donna Thatcher Browdy?) in reference to the D.F.O. Red Rocks Cleanup day in honor of Don.
Bob Spencer: C.F.O. trip, Mark Holmgren(?) for beginning birders in Boulder area.
*Harold Holt ref to Merle's Trail in Harold's book.

Sightings:

Harold Holt ref to Monk Parakeets along South Platte. Cedar Waxwings. Golden Eagles adjacent to Cherry Creek (Castlewood Canyon State Park) in Willow Creek Canyon.

Program by Mike Fitzpatrick and Sue Fortura.

Denver Field Ornithologists Treasurer's Report February 24, 1981

Checking Account:

Balance 1/22/81		$756.59
Credits 1/23/81 – 2/23/81		$173.00
31 Memberships	$155.00	
and Bonus	$ 15.00	
Christmas Count - Bruce Webb	$ 3.00	
Debits 1/23/81 – 2/23/81		$199.58
P.O. Bulk Fee	$ 40.00	
Siler's	$ 139.64	
Jack Reddall	$ 16.94	
Service Charge	$ 3.00	
Balance February 23, 1981		$730.01

Savings Account:

Balance 1/27/81	$2,939.81
Deposit 1/28/81 – Don Malick gift	$ 350.00
Balance 2/23/81	$3,289.81

Mary Jane Schock, Treasurer

Board Meeting March 5, 1981, at M. J. Schock residence.

Meeting called to order by President Robert Andrews at 8:00 PM.

Minutes of the November 6 meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

C.F.O. Announcement read by R. Andrews. Request for publication of CFO Annual Meeting announcement in DFO newsletter. CFO will pay for piggyback of their Annual Meeting announcement with DFO newsletter.

Museum personnel for handling meetings. Problem due to imminent departure of Lisa Bardwell from Museum staff. No likely staff person available. Need more money for operating expenses.

Motion passed for increase in dues. Student and Senior Citizens of 65 and over at $5.00. General membership at $10.00. Motion offered by M. J. Schock. Seconded by Patty Echelmeyer.

An offering to Lisa would be appropriate for her services; perhaps a book.

M. J. Schock: Minimum charge on checking account has been raised to $300 and we don't fit. Need to discuss bank services. Need to clarify or establish non-profit number with IRS for purposes of handling interest payments from bank.

Nominating committee needs to be set up by the President.

Beginning Bird Watchers orientation program. Discussion with Irma Applegren regarding same. An orientation before meeting with special field trip on a following Saturday. Suggestion to indicate a couple of April trips to be marked as suitable for beginners; marked in the newsletter.

Field Trip Committee. April Boulder hawk watch. CFO Fort Collins at Cameron Pass. Sharp-tailed Grouse count.

Bob Spencer and status of the DFO Yearbook. Brief summary as to where it's at. General discussion of reducing the extent of same to an intro item on the membership list.

Next Board Meeting early May.

Dieter and Bill Brockner report on paintings. No major stipulation on use of proceeds. Would prefer non-operating fund use. Method of sale – lottery, auction, etc.

March 24, 1981

Regular monthly meeting of the D.F.O was called to order by President Bob Andrews at 7:40 p.m.

The minutes of the February 24 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Mary Jane Schock.

Guests and new members were introduced.

Old Business was called:
*Another announcement on the coming Birdathon.
*Announcement was made that the Howard Rollin paintings will be on display at the April meeting and available for sale at the May meeting. Harold Holt urged DFO folk to go and visit with Howard, who is ailing.
*Don Johnson expressed continued interest in an introductory write-up for new people regarding the DFO. Bob Spencer responded with an informal report of where he is on the project.

New Business was called:

It was suggested a note of condolence be sent to Warren Finch and his family.

Sightings were called for:
3rd week in March. Tree swallows and cliff swallows at Chatfield.
Hybrid ducks at Cherry Creek Reservoir.
Rusty Blackbirds in the Clear Creek Greenbelt.

The program was Harold Holt's annual slide show of birding and sightings during the previous year.

Denver Field Ornithologists Treasurer's Report March 24, 1981

Checking Account:

Balance 2/23/81		$730.01
Credits 2/24/81-3/23/81		$103.50
20 Memberships @ $5.00	$100.00	
1 Jr. membership @ $2.50	$ 2.50	
Checklists	$ 1.00	
Debits 2/24/81-3/23/81		$112.93
Roscoe Eddings, guard	$ 16.50	
Frank Justice	$ 11.75	
Christmas Count		
Siler's Printing Co.	$ 84.68	
Balance March 24, 1981		$720.58

Savings Account:

Balance 2/23/81	$3,289.81
Interest 2/27/81	$ 39.67
Book Comm 3/10/81	$ 18.00
Balance 3/23/81	$3,347.48

Mary Jane Schock, Treasurer

April 28, 1981

Called to order by President R. Andrews 7:45 pm

Minutes last meeting March 24, 1981

Treasurer's report submitted by M.J. Schock.

Guests and New Members introduction.

Old Business:
*Catherine Hurlbutt: Update on Howard Rollin in nursing home at Brush. Room 2, Sunset Manor Nursing Home. Suggest corresponding secretary send note to Howard.

New Business:
*Discussion of the Howard Rollin's paintings.
*Reference to a book on training birds to talk by Catherine Hurlbutt.
*Bruce Webb: Ref. to Colorado Field Ornithologists and Western Field Ornithologists joint meeting at Estes Park. Need commitment by May 15.

*Bob Spencer: Spring count probably in Evergreen.
*Ruth Wheeler: Tim Fowler will have a CFO trip the weekend of May 16 and 17 in Steamboat and Craig.

April Sightings:
White-eyed Vireo, Green Mountain ?????; Broad-winged Hawk, Waterton; Say's Phoebe; Blue Grouse at Red Rocks; Mew Gull at Union Reservoir; 15 White-faced Ibis + 42 Willets, Wood ducks at Waterton; Good report on Sharp-tailed Grouse in Douglas County; Cameron Pass Boreal Owl trip-Ron Ryder saw 2 birds in middle of night near top of Cameron Pass; Hybrid ducks Boulder area Triple A Lakes(?) Hybrid Cinnamon/Blue-winged Teal and Mallard/Widgeon Hybrid; Sage Thrasher and Forster's Tern (2)

Program-Jeanne Conry and Bruce Webb. Program about trip to Baffin Island, Canada.

Denver Field Ornithologists Treasurer's Report April 27, 1981

<u>Checking Account:</u>

Balance 3/24/81		$720.58
Credits 3/24/81 – 4/20/81		$ 45.00
3 Members @ $10.00	$30.00	
3 Members @ $5.00	$15.00	
Debits 3/24/81 – 4/26/81		$ 97.83
Roscoe Eddings, guard	$16.50	
Siler's Printing Co.	$81.33	
Balance 4/27/81		$667.75

Savings Account:

Balance 3/24/81	$3,347.48
Balance 4/27/81	$3,347.48

Mary Jane Schock, Treasurer

Board Meeting, Tuesday May 18, 1981, at Marge Elliot's residence.

Meeting called to order by President Bob Andrews at 7:30PM.

New Business:

Editor of *The Lark Bunting* – suggestion for Judy Ward (may move printing to Boulder).

Question of format for the newsletter – Dieter Kamm. Be a bit more specific on counts from trips. Wants to make them oriented a bit more useful for research, etc.

Paintings for sale at May Meeting. Remainder to be made available to Joe Rigli for Morgan County Museum.

Renew contract with museum.

Lynn Willcockson suggests a Pub. Ste. [public statement] of appreciation for Jack Reddall's service as newsletter editor. (As well as all retiring officers.)

Excellent idea for a card file of contacts for birding around the country. Okay with Patty Echelmeyer and Lynn for background. P.C.R. will try and pull this together.

Mildred and Life List question.

Question of Colorado bird information repository. Okay with museum re C.F.O. info.

May 26, 1981

Called to order President R. Andrews at 7:50

Following review of Howard Rollin's paintings and sale of some of same.

Minutes of April 28 meeting.

Treasurer's Report submitted by M.J.S.

Guests and New Members were introduced.

Old Business:

None presented (none called).

New Business:

*Nominating Committee report by Marge Elliot

President, Jan Justice
Vice President, Warren Finch
Secretary, P.
Recording Secretary, Nancy Jones
Treasurer, Bob Righter
Board Members
Lynn Willcockson
Patty Echelmeyer

Joyce Cooper moved a unanimous vote in favor the slate as presented.
*Patty E. asked about pics. M.J.S. reports we have sold 11 pictures this evening.
*Patty E. obits Patsy List????? and Sadie Morrison.

Some kind of Business, Carol Hack. Vote of thanks to all outgoing officers for their service - special note to Jack Reddall for his particularly effective service in editing *The Lark Bunting*.

Don Johnson wants to make sure all incoming officers are notified by mail.

Sightings, May:
Cape May Warbler: Judy Ward near Ft. Rd.
Upland Plover near Kersey-report (uncombined) on Blue Wing Warbler-Mountain Plover at Grassland Walden-Arapaho Wildlife Sanctuary-Sharp Tail Sparrow - /Bear Creek Greenbelt Northern Waterthrush, Chatfield-Caspian Tern and Black Tern-Black-necked Stilt, Semipalmated Plover-Northern Phalaropes (5)-Sora and Rails, Osprey (with fish)-Patty E. Redstart in Clear Creek Greenbelt.

Spencer comment of the S.E. Colorado trip-Comanche Grasslands. Very good counts-Prairie Chicken-Mississippi Kite, etc.-Bobolink, Rufous-crowned Sparrow.

Program-Don Johnson-slides on birding in various places in Colorado.

D.F.O. Treasurer's Report, 5/26/81

Checking Account:		
Balance 4/27/81		667.75
	Credits 4/27/81-5/26/81	122.00
	8 memberships @ $10, $80	
	1 membership @ $5	
	DFO for *Lark Bunting* Adv. $37, $37	
	Debits 4/27/81-5/26/81	133.43
	Roscoe Eddings, Guard $16.50	
	Siler's ($37 for C.F.O.) $116.93	
Balance 5/26/81		656.32
Savings Account:		
Balance 4/27/81		3,347.48
Balance 5/26/81		3,347.48

Mary Jane Schock, Treasurer

Minutes of the August 24, 1981, DFO Board Meeting at the residence of Jan Justice.

The meeting was called to order by incoming president Jan Justice at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the May 18th meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:
1) Specifics on monthly cost of *Lark Bunting* publication.
2) Expenditures for 1982. $1,600 with potential income of $2,100.
3) There will be $500 shortfall for the remainder of 1981.

Move to transfer $700 from savings to checking.

Lynn Willcockson moved approval of budget as outlined by Mary Jane Schock.

Warren Finch moved a directive to treasurer to attempt to get savings into more productive instruments than passbook savings.

Old business:

Harold Rollins paintings: 12 sold. 16 remaining. The amount received is approximately $400. Joe Rigli to be contacted regarding the remainder of the paintings. Following the above contacts to D.H.S. and the Boulder Audubon.

Niedrach Trail: Indication of $100 (perhaps $200) was donated to parks department. Jan Justice says there is an acknowledging letter from Parks and Outdoor Recreation and commitment to install a plaque.

New business :

Question of attendance at regular meetings.
Dieter Kamm – Connect programs and field trips stressing meeting subjects through the newsletter also through KVOD and public service broadcasts and stress for field trip leaders to push the meetings.

Warren Finch. Wants to stress sounds as basis for meeting subjects, specifically calls of Colorado birds.

Discussion of displays etc. to supplement meeting topic.

Exchange of newsletter with B.W.I. for a bird watch national newsletter.

Moved to express thanks to outgoing officers.

Newsletter needs to reduce redundant or extraneous information to reduce space. Some information can be handled as handout sheets rather than put in the newsletter.

Museum libraries. There are 7 libraries available and Museum wants to make them available.

Moved by Lynn Willcockson to approach Harold Holt on assembling a collection of slides of Colorado Birds for general public bird programs or presentations.
Harold Holt. Lyle Jordan. Don Johnson.
Lynn Willcockson will pull those slides together for a common resource for programs.

Meeting was adjourned.

DFO meeting, September 22, 1981

Meeting called to order by President Jan Justice at 7:30.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer Bob Righter.

Old Business was called. None was presented.

New Business was called:

Henry Bossman gave a report on the Elder Hostel program in which people over 60 may live in campuses in 50 states and 3 Canadian provinces and take mini-courses in various fields.

Don Johnson brought up the request from the National Wildlife Federation on the hawk status in our area. Don has provided information to the Wildlife Federation using past issues of our newsletter , *The Lark Bunting*.

The minutes of the May 26 meeting were read and approved following the tardy arrival of the secretary (my thanks to Carol Hack for keeping notes till I arrived).

Following the business of the club, incoming President Jan Justice welcomed us all to the 46th year of the D.F.O. with some most appropriate remarks and then called for the introduction of guests and new members.

Sightings were called for, and Bob Spencer mentioned the White-winged Crossbills seen at Echo Lake and Don Johnson commented on the apparent scarcity of shorebirds during the late summer.

Programs were discussed by Warren Finch, who presented the idea that we all need to be exposed to the sounds of birding. He presented an agenda of the upcoming D.F.O. meeting through April 1982.

The program for the evening then started with a tape play and replay of some common birdcalls familiar to those of us in this area, and was followed by a film.

(probable head count 30, plus or minus)

October 27, 1981

(Board meeting November 17 or 19. Have City of Denver publicize Don Thatcher Day at Red Rocks.)

Called to order 7:30. (Head count 51)

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's report submitted by Treasurer Bob Righter. Suggestions on investment of savings funds.

Guests and new members introduced.

Old Business:

Patty Echelmeyer mentioned calling committee.

Mary Jan Schock referenced Don Thatcher Day at Red Rocks.

New Business & Items of Interest:

Discussion by Jan Justice of raptors at Raft River area of southern Idaho. Interesting information on keeping distance from nesting hawks.

President referenced Thompson Marsh and top of 600 Club with 756.

Cicely Mellor suggests contact of new or interested types within zip codes.

Bob Rozinski mentioned 400 member signatures.

Christmas dinner, Saturday, December 19 will be at Furr's on 700 So. Colorado Blvd. Frank Justice.

Warren Finch introduced the program as sounds of coyotes. (count 45, plus or minus). Dr. P. Lehner. Most interesting.

At conclusion, any sightings of interest:
Bob Spencer Brant at Cherry Creek Reservoir, White-winged Scoters, Arctic Loon, Patty Echelmeyer.
M.J. Schock, Northern Three-toed Woodpecker at Tiny Town.
Hugh Kingery, Groove-billed Ani specimen from Berthoud. Sandhill Cranes.

Board Meeting, November 17, 1981

Res – Nancy Jones

Meeting called to order by President Jan Justice at 7:45.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was $337 in checking account, $3,587 in savings, for a total of $3,987. Total membership was reported at 267, yielding annual income from dues of $1,850, plus or minus.

Old Business was called:

Discussion of handout for field trip leaders, specifically for people interested in D.F.O., but not presently active members. Purpose is to introduce the club and provide names of individuals to contact for more information. This involved a question of a letterhead for Xerox reproduction.

Slide program is still being assembled.

New Business was called:

Lynn Willcockson moved that we transfer up to $2,500 from savings to a money market fund. Patty Echelmeyer seconded the motion and after discussion, it was passed with a recommendation of one-year limit on the investment instrument.

Bob Spencer moved that the dues renewal for people who join the club in the fall be carried over into the coming year, so that a new member doesn't get hit twice in 3 or 4 months for dues. Motion was passed.

Paul Rechel moved that the Program Chairman be budgeted an annual amount of $200 for honoraria, where appropriate, to those presenting programs, provided that the maximum per program be $50.00. Motion carried.

General discussion followed with mention of program needs for April and May and a possibility of a June cookout.

Judy Ward brought up the question of advertising to benefit members in the newsletter. Specifically, someone wished to sell a set of hardcover Museum edition of Birds of Colorado.

A discussion of memorials, specifically at this point, for Sadie Morrison. It was suggested to have hardbound copies of Robbins field [guide] put in school libraries in the Bear Creek vicinity in her name. A motion was made to accomplish this with a notice for contributions to support.

There was also discussion of selling the Birders bumper stickers at $1.25 per. We decided to try out 20.

Cicely Mellor has reported her interest in contacting new members within her zip code.

Lynn Willcockson mentioned his need to dispense the remaining copies of Birds of Western Colorado (Plateau and Mesa Country).

Meeting adjourned.

D.F.O. Meeting, November 24, 1981

Meeting called to order by President Jan Justice at 7:30 p.m.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Bob Righter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Old Business was called:

Some comments on the desirability of a memorial for Sadie Morrison.

Details of the 1981 Christmas count were provided by Frank Justice.

Patty Echelmeyer again solicited information on gardens planted specifically to attract birds.

Discussion of an information form to be handed out to new or prospective members by field trip leaders.

New Business included:

Announcement of a change in membership fee assessment so that new members who join in the fall of a given year will have their membership carry over for the year upcoming.

Reference to the Colorado Outdoors article by the Johnsons.

Don Johnson brought to our attention the resolution on the Bicentennial for the Bald Eagle, which has Representative Wirth as a co-sponsor.

Catherine Hurlbutt mentioned Howard Rollins' situation and urged the Christmas remembrances and fruit-type care packages would be welcome.

Lynn Willcockson is soliciting contributions of slides for DFO public presentations and mentioned the availability of the small book on Birds of Western Colorado.

Sightings were called for and included an Old Squaw and both Goldeneyes plus a Goshawk at Cherry Creek Reservoir. A Red-throated Loon was also sighted at Cherry Creek. A Long-billed Marsh Wren was sighted in the Clear Creek Greenbelt in Wheat Ridge, and numerous species were seen at Barr Lake, Harlan's (Hawk) and Rough-legged Hawk, Golden Plover, Ferruginous Hawk.

The excellent program was *Africa, Land of Surprises* by Frank and Jan Justice, a slide presentation of their safari to Africa last summer.

D.F.O. Meeting, January 26, 1982

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Bob Righter.

Guests and new members were introduced.

Old business was called, none was presented.

New Business was called:

First item was a report on the sale of the bumper stickers.

Next was an announcement of wildlife population and habitat study to be conducted by Denver Audubon as a part of the Denver Greenway study.

Comments were made on the publication of the Christmas count results by the Denver Post and the Littleton Independent.

Catherine Hurlbutt reported on Howard Rollins' situation and the care package that she took out to him.

There was discussion of a proposed Western Slope field trip over the 3-day Memorial Day weekend. It would be based out of Grand Junction.

Henry Bossman discussed an article on good manners and good birding.

Sightings were called and included a Glaucous Gull at Cherry Creek, as well as a possible Greater Black-backed Gull. Rosy Finches were at Squaw Mountain, Black-crowned Night Heron on the South Platte, and Swamp Sparrows in the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.

Program was Harold Holt's annual slide showing, including many birds from Arizona.

Board meeting, February 9, 1982, at the residence of Patty Echelmeyer.

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Justice at 7:40 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: $1,067.70 [in checking] , $4,393 [in savings] - $2,000 to the Boettcher Fund. Question by Dieter Kamm of insured investment. Money market fund is in government securities.

Old business:

Sadie Morrison Memorial Fund $98.00. Will not be in February *Lark Bunting*, so decision is to proceed on the basis of a Robbins Purchase with funds currently available. Question on type of memorial bookplate and question on schools for placement. Also suggestion of a note to Sadie's brother explaining what was done.

Question of calling members or new folk within zip code is still valid. Jan is calling upon board members to volunteer to do this.

Next question is membership list. We may need a list for 1982. 1981 is most recent. Need to be sent to new members.

Notice in *Lark Bunting* for dues renewal needs to be made.

New business:

Issue on endangered species renewal. Discussion of making a club statement and urging membership to contact their representative. Issue will come out of committee by 15th of May.

Chukar Chatter. Is there a DFO subscription published in Grand Junction?

Denver Greenway. Need a systematic transect type of study repeated at least on a seasonal basis. DFO is being asked to handle the bird part of a Denver Greenway baseline study. Study by habitat in conjunction with vegetation type of people. The method is to handle this study in precisely defined and repeatable manner so a similar study could be repeated in the future to get a measure on the trends. Bob Andrews wants specific types of individuals who will dedicate the time and have the experience to do the job.

The checklist needs to be reprinted. Let's find out what the costs are and reimburse Harold Holt for the costs.

As proposed by Catherine Hurlbutt that $15-$20 in proceeds from the Harold Rollins painting be spent in purchasing a gift of appreciation, i.e. a book, etc.

Suggestion for May program on banding, etc.

Supplement to North American Wildlife. Mildred and Patty.

Christmas count for 1982. Call Furr's regarding cafeteria at Wadsworth and Hampden for 1982 Christmas count.

D.F.O. Meeting, February 23, 1982

Meeting called to order by President Jan Justice at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was submitted.

Old Business was called:

First item was an introduction to the Denver Greenway project as presented by Drew Grainger. It is proposed that D.F.O. assist in the project by carrying out an inventory of bird life. Volunteers will be needed to conduct a "repeatable survey."

New Business and Announcements:

Patty Echelmeyer, of the Rare Bird Alert, will need a three-month stand-in while she is out of town.

Don Johnson reported on the bill before the state legislature to raise the State Parks pass and daily use fees.

It was announced that a field I.D. pamphlet on North American raptors will be available from the Raptor Center of the National Wildlife Federation.

Hugh Kingery announced the scheduled Denver Audubon Birdathon for the first weekend in May.

Catherine Hurlbutt displayed a copy of the *Owls of North America*, which was purchased for presentation to Howard Rollins.

Bob Spencer announced weekend trips of C.F.O. for Sandhill Whoopers March 20-21 and April 17 & 18 a trip to Carrizo Canyon on the Comanche Grasslands, and a one-day field trip Saturday, May 22 to Sawhill Ponds at Boulder.

Judy Ward reported on very good binocular repair in Longmont.

Sightings were called for and included an albino Red-head in the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, up to 500 Bohemian Waxwings reported & early nesting activity of Great Horned Owls.

Warren Finch brought Kathy Green of the Department of Wildlife to the front. Ms. Green, in full uniform, presented a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the D.O.W. to Frank and Jan Justice for their fieldwork at Chatfield. A well-received commendation.

Then to the program by Bill Irwin of Colorado State University on the Grasslands, Sites and Sounds of the Shortgrass Prairie. An excellent program.

D.F.O. Meeting, March 23, 1982

Meeting called to order by President Jan Justice at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was deferred.

Visitors were introduced.

Old Business was called:

More on the renewal of the Endangered Species Act with reference to Senator Hart, who is on the Senate committee.

Additional information given on the Bird-a-thon first weekend in May.

Report on the Sadie Morrison memorial, which was the placement of field guides in the schools of the Morrison-Bear Creek area.

New Business was called:

Bob Spencer announced C.F.O. trip to Carrizo Canyon, D.F.O. field trip over the 3-day Memorial Day weekend. Also asked for interest on a field trip to Antero Reservoir in South Park.

Sightings were called for and included a possible Sharp-tailed Grouse new Hayden, Mew Gull at Sloans, reports on Harris and Golden-crowned Sparrows at Bear Lake, Tree Swallows and White-throated Swift at Chatfield.

Program was a two-part presentation with slowed-down birdcall recordings by Bob Rozinski and a 200th annual film presented by Don Johnson.

D.F.O. Meeting, April 27, 1982

Meeting called to order by President Jan Justice at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was submitted.

Visitors and new members were introduced.

Old Business was called:

Drew Grainger gave an update report on the status of the Platte River Greenway study project. An additional aspect of the study is a Breeding Bird survey between May 25 and June 5.

A letter from Jefferson County Schools was read thanking D.F.O. for the contribution of the Sadie Morrison Memorial Field Guides.

New Business was called:

Bob Spencer called attention to the remaining Howard Rollins paintings, which were available at the meeting.

Sightings were called: Included a Broad-winged Hawk in the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt and a possible Olivaceous Cormorant at Chatfield. Most interesting, but very brief, report from Bob Andrews on his most recent trip to Venezuela. He and Bob Righter garnered 450 species in one month, 52 flycatchers, 42 tanagers, etc. Final was Cattle Egret, White-faced Ibis, Snowy Egret Plum Creek arm of Chatfield.

Program introduction by Warren Finch with Warbler and Vireo calls. Main program was Carse Pustmueller of the Colorado Natural Areas Program, with a very interesting presentation on Steller's Jays and their habits and vocalizations.

D.F.O. Meeting, May 25, 1982

Meeting called to order by President Jan Justice at 7:40

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was submitted.

Visitors and new members were recognized.

Old Business was called, then New Business and Announcements:

Members were told of a Museum program for the coming Thursday by Dr. Paul Johnsgard of the University of Nebraska on wildlife.

Notice that Robina Storrie, a charter and life member of the D.F.O., passed away at 91.

Recognition of the Rocky Mountain News article on Catherine Hurlbutt.

Drew Grainger gave us an update on the Platte River Greenway study and presented the planned steps for summer study.

The nominating committee submitted a slate of officers for the coming year:

President: Warren Finch
Vice President: Open
Treasurer: Bob Righter
Secretary: Ruth Breckon
Corresponding Secretary: Bernice Mearns (sp)

The slate of officers was approved as submitted and thanks to Kathy Hawkins, Thompson Marsh, and Bob Spencer.

Sightings were called and included:
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at Roxborough Park, Bobolinks at Chatfield, Blue Grosbeak on Plum Creek arm of Chatfield, and Yellow-throated Warbler at Heron Rookery. Others were Golden-winged Warbler in Lakewood, Black-throated Green Warbler in southeast Denver, Rose-breasted Grosbeak at Burland Ranchettes, and in Boulder Vicinity an Ovenbird, Worm-eating Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, and a Blue-winged Warbler.

There were further discussion on membership information from Bob Spencer, upcoming field trips to Grand Junction and Walden, and comments from Don Johnson on birding in Texas.

The program was presented by Dr. Ron Ryder from Colorado State University and it was on Birds of Australia and New Zealand.

The August 17, 1982, Board Meeting was convened by President Warren Finch.

Treasurer reported a balance of _____.
Judy Ward stated that the cost of publishing the newsletter has decreased this year.

Old business:

The memorials to Sadie Morrison and Howard Rollin have been finished.

The Greenbelt project is completed.

The Savings account has been transferred to an increased interest rate.

The question of publishing political issues in the newsletter was discussed at the last meeting.

New business:

The dedication of the Niedrach Memorial Nature Trail will be Tuesday, August 31, 1982, at 10:30 a.m. at Barr Lake State Park.

The possibility of starting a Colorado rare bird alert using a toll-free 800 phone was discussed. The cost to purchase the necessary equipment and first-year running expense would be around $1,400.00. A motion was made by Duane Nelson, seconded, and carried to set up a system using a six-minute recorded message on a private local phone. Duane Nelson and Bob Righter will look into the initial cost and yearly expense of such a system.

Jan Justice and Jack Reddall will prepare a new DFO checklist to be used to send in field trip reports to *The Lark Bunting* editor.

Warren Finch will check into the possibility of putting the membership list onto a word processor in order to maintain an accurate, up-to-date roster.

Duane Nelson will be replace Kathy Hawkins as bookseller at DFO meetings.

Vice President Phyllis Caswell has an interesting lineup of programs planned for the year with the central theme of bird breeding and nesting.

It was reported that Bea Merry is ill and that Cicely Mellor is in the hospital. Cards will be sent.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, November 16, 1982, at the home of Warren Finch.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes of DFO meeting of September 28, 1982.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by President Warren Finch. Past President Jan Justice presented Warren with a feather signifying the passing of the office to the new president. The officers for the incoming year were introduced.

Minutes of the May 25, 1982, meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported $279.00 in checking account, $1,995.00 in savings, and $3,098.00 in Boettcher fund. Total of $5,373.00.

New members and guests were introduced.

Old Business: The memorial to Sadie Morrison in the form of copies of Robbins' field guide to birds to Bear Creek Schools has been completed.

New Business:

A new telephone system for a Colorado Rare Bird Alert was discussed. Bob Righter stated that the initial cost would be about $250.00 for equipment and $40.00 for installation. Bob and Duane Nelson will inquire into systems that have at least a six-minute recorded message period. Tax-deductible contributions can be made to Bob for this project.

Jack Reddall and Jan Justice are working on a new DFO checklist.

Dave Martin will put the membership list on a computer so that an accurate current roster can be kept.

Thanks were extended to Kathy Hawkins for the fine job she has done in the book sales, and to Duane Nelson, who is taking over this job.

Drew Grainger announced that all persons interested in helping with the Denver Audubon-funded project to record the bird population in the South Platte Greenway should meet with him on Saturday, October 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Habitat Park. Population studies will be the first Saturday of each month.

Jan Justice thanked Kathy Hawkins, the "top watcher," and all others, who took part in the Audubon Birdathon.

Warren Finch reported on the dedication of the Niedrach Nature Trail on August 31, 1982, at Barr Lake State Park.

Sightings:

Barn Owl and Broad-winged Hawk at Chatfield.
Summer Tanager and Lewis' Woodpecker at 20th and Jay.
Sandhill Cranes and Common Terns at Antero Reservoir.
Great and Common Egrets and pelicans at Union Reservoir.
Cooper's Hawk and Virginia Rail at Barr Lake.
Bewick's Wren at 108th and Tower Road.
Black-throated Blue Warbler.

Best wishes to Ruth Wheeler on her 83rd birthday.

Don Johnson presented several hundred bird slides to Warren Finch for Lynn Willcockson. Don also told about the work of the Raptor Education Foundation.

Hugh Kingery spoke on Bear Creek Lake Park and the need for input into plans for better wildlife management. Anyone interested should contact Mary Jane Schock or Warren Finch.

Time will be available at each meeting for 1-2 minute informal communications such as unusual slides. Vice President Phyllis Caswell introduced Charles Chase of the Denver Museum of Natural History, who presented the program on Breeding Studies of California Gulls.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes of a special DFO board meeting, October 14, 1982

A special meeting of the Board of Denver Field Ornithologists was held at the home of the President, Warren Finch, on Thursday, October 14, 1982, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Harry Bossman, Phyllis Caswell, Margaret Elliot, Warren Finch, Duane Nelson, Jack Reddall, and Judy Ward. Dick Schottler, member of the Checklist Committee, was also in attendance.

The following members of the board, who regretfully could not be present, had indicated their support of the proposal to have a new checklist printed: Ruth Breckon, Patty Echelmeyer, Jan Justice, Bernice Merry, Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, and Lynn Willcockson. Robert Righter was out of town.

The revised checklist, prepared by Jack Reddall, uses the new AOU nomenclature and checklist order. On motion by Margaret Elliot, seconded by Henry Bosman, those present voted to proceed with the printing of the checklist. Jack will present it, revised as agreed during discussion (squeeze heading up, omit line for observers, show date of printing, etc.), to Siler Printing, with a sample card of the desired size, to a obtain price quotations on quantities up to 10,000. Based on Siler's quotations, Jack, Judy Ward, and Duane Nelson will determine the appropriate quantity to order. Siler will be asked to retain plates for possible future use, and to give an estimate of reprint costs. Jack will check the galley proofs.

The November *Lark Bunting* will contain the announcement of new AOU changes in terminology and that their use is intended to begin January 1, 1983.

Dick Schottler had also prepared a new Colorado checklist. This will be published in the December *Lark Bunting*.

The Board considered implementation of the Rare Bird Alert System. Warren will call Mildred Snyder to determine whether she can be prevailed upon to continue with this service. If not, he will also check with Harold Holt and others. The possibility of having an alternate system operator will be considered.

Jack will prepare two lists of rare birds – "rare" ones, and "not-quite-so-rare" – to give guidance to the one operating the system. A “wanted list” can also be maintained for beginners, persons new to this area, or others who have requests for specific or seasonal birds. These lists will give both the new AOU names and the old names.

Duane will prepare an article on how to use the Rare Bird Alert system, which will be included in *The Lark Bunting*. *The Lark Bunting* will also give information on how to report a rare bird so it can be included in the system.

Jack suggested the possibility that *The Lark Bunting* be co-edited – with a *Lark Bunting* editor (typing, etc.) and a field trip editor (birding reports, sightings).

Use of the new AOU terminology is expected to be required for this year's Christmas count. Jack will check in with Paul Rechel, who is coordinating the count this year. The tabulation dinner will be at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Bear Valley.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 1982. The special meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis L. Caswell, Secretary Pro-Tem

Minutes of DFO Meeting of October 26, 1982.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Past President Jan Justice. Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. There was no treasurer’s report.

Old Business:

The new DFO checklist prepared by Jack Reddall and Dick Schottler is in the AOU checklist order and is ready to go to the printer. Dick Schottler is preparing a list of all birds seen in Colorado.

The Rare Bird Alert System will be in service within the next two months. The cost will be $450.00 for equipment.

New Business:

Paul Rechel reported that the Christmas Count will be December 18 with the wrap-up dinner at Wyatt's at Bear Valley.

The Raptor Education Foundation will have a program at the Denver Museum of Natural History on November 13, 1982.

Visitors and new members were introduced.

Sightings:

Vi Bossman has reports from University of Wyoming for sightings of California Gulls.
Eight Whooping Cranes at Monte Vista.
Loons at Chatfield Dam.
Green-backed Heron at Chatfield Dam.
Immature Sabine Gull at Henry's Lake.
Catherine Hurlbutt briefly remarked on the care of injured birds and small wildlife. This issue will be discussed at the next board meeting.
Phyllis Caswell introduced the speakers for the program on Heronries of City Park, Chatfield Dam, and Barr Lake: Bill Loessberg, Hugh Kingery, and Bob Rozinski.

Meeting adjourned.

November 16, 1982

The Board Meeting of DFO met at the home of Warren Finch on November 16, 1982. Present were Henry Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Phyllis Caswell, Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Jan Justice, Bernice Merry, Duane Nelson, Jack Reddall, Robert Righter, Judy Ward, Ruth Wheeler, Lynn Willcockson.

The minutes of the August 17 and October 14, 1982, board meetings were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

Treasurer reported $147.27 in checking, $1,995.71 in savings, and $3,126.00 in Boettcher Fund giving a total of $5,268.98.

Old business:

The checklist is ready to be printed. No price has been quoted. Printer will retain the plates.

There will be a few changes in the nomenclature to be used on the Christmas count. A $2.00 fee will be charged to each participant in the count. After some discussion, it was agreed that DFO would not subsidize the fee.

Rare Bird Alert: Bill Brockner will be the key person in charge of the system with Duane Nelson as backup. The cost of the equipment is approximately $250. The installation of a new phone line will be implemented immediately at a cost of about $100. CFO has indicated in interest in helping with the finance of the system. The following will check out the equipment and set up the format and protocol to be used: Duane Nelson, Bill Brockner, Jack Reddall, Bob Righter, Jan Justice, and Warren Finch.

Field trips: Judy Ward, Ruth Wheeler, and Bob Spencer will list the do's and don'ts for trip leaders. This will be printed in the December *Lark Bunting*.

New business:

The annual convention of CFO is to be held May 21-22, 1983, in Denver. A request from CFO that DFO, along with Denver Audubon Society, co-host the convention was received from Tim Fowler, president of CFO. A motion to this was made by Lynn Willcockson, seconded, and carried. Bob Righter and Ruth Breckon will represent DFO on the planning committee.

Discussion on the publication of a membership list and the fact that some members are not receiving *The Lark Bunting* resulted in the suggestion that a membership chairman be appointed. Mary Jane Schock or Dave Martin will be asked to fill this position.

Lakewood's Bear Creek Lake Park is working to make a nature trail. Anyone interested in working with Don Johnson, Warren Finch, Lois Webster, and Mary Jane Schock on this project should contact Warren Finch.

Bernice Merry will contact Colorado State Wildlife regarding the laws dealing with aid to injured animals. This is in response to the comments by Catherine Hurlbutt at the October meeting.

A motion by Jan Justice that information of Hugh Kingery's ornithology class be printed in *The Lark Bunting* was seconded and carried.

Nancy Jones will fill in for Bea Merry when she is out of town.

Jack Reddall will compile the Christmas Count for *The Lark Bunting*.

The next board meeting will be at Jan Justice's on February 15 or March 15, 1983.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes of DFO meeting November 23, 1982.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Warren Finch. Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported $100.52 in checking, $1,695.71 in savings, and $3,126.00 in Boettcher Fund for a total of $4,922.23.

Visitors and new members were introduced.

Old Business: Recording equipment at a cost of $299.50 has been purchase for the Rare Bird Alert System. Bill Brockner, the key person in charge of the system, and others are working out the format and protocol to be used. Yearly dues are payable now, and dues paid during the last quarter of the year are carried over to the next year.

New Business:

Compilation meeting of Denver Area Christmas Count will be at Wyatt's at Bear Valley Shopping Center December 18. Fee for each person participating in the count will be $2.00. The CFO Convention has been scheduled for May 21-22, 1983, in Denver. DFO and Denver Audubon have been asked to co-host the convention. Bob Ryder, Bob Spencer, and Ruth Breckon will represent DFO on the planning committee. Special interest groups want to put a hot air balloon-glider port and a dog training area in Chatfield State Park. Anyone wanting to comment on this should see Jan Justice or contact the State Park Commission.

Informal Communication: Don and Lee Johnson shared a few of their slides of the Spotted Owl seen in the Boulder area and of the Green-backed Heron seen at Chatfield.

Sightings:

Hooded Warbler at Coopers.
Harris's Sparrow at Morrison.
Pectoral Sandpiper at Cherry Creek.
Barrow's Golden Eye at Coors Pond.

Program: Phyllis Caswell introduced Dr. James Tate, who gave the program on Golden Eagle Nesting.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the DFO meeting of January 25, 1983.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Warren Finch. Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported $1,056.09 in checking, $1,695.71 in savings, $3,177.00 in money market fund for a total of $5,928.80.

Old Business:

Checklists in the new terminology are now on sale at $0.15 each, 2 for $0.25. As Bill Brockner was unable to get a new phone line into his house, Lynn Willcockson will be the key person in the Rare Bird Alert System. It will begin February 1. On dialing 759-1060 you will first hear a recording of birds seen in the near vicinity. After this listing, you will then be able to add your sightings. Be sure to include your

name and phone number when giving sightings, so details may be checked if necessary. The Rare Bird Alert phone number will be listed under Lynn Willcockson's name in the directory.

The CFO convention dates have been changed to May 27-29. Registration is May 27, at Regis College. Field trips are scheduled for the mornings, with papers in the afternoon. Terry Conway will be the dinner speaker.

Catherine Hurlbutt made timely comments on the dog-training program at all state parks, and the need for an area for bird rehabilitation. Comments regarding the glider port at Chatfield should be sent to the State Parks Board.

New Business:

Carol Leasure, naturalist from Barr Lake, explained the Volunteer Naturalist Program at Barr and Roxborough State Parks and has application forms for all those who may be interested.

The March 22, DFO meeting will not be held at the West Auditorium. The meeting place will be arranged at the February 15 board of directors meeting and published in the February *Lark Bunting*. Warren Finch would like to establish a distinguished service award for DFO. This will be discussed at the board meeting.

Sightings:

Along the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt can be seen Greater Yellowlegs, Greater Scaup, Virginia Rail, Swamp Sparrow, Marsh Wren, Yellow-rumped Myrtle Warbler. Black-crowned Night Heron are at Evans and the the South Platte. Snow Geese are in the area of Centennial Park.

The program for the evening was Spring Bird Watching in Texas given by Don Johnson.

The board meeting of DFO met at the home of Jan Justice February 15, 1983. Present were Henry Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Patty Echelmeyer, Margaret Elliot, Warren Finch, Jan justice, Robert Righter, Robert Spencer, Judy Ward, Ruth Wheeler, Lynn Willcockson.

Minutes of the November 16, 1982, meeting were read and corrected to include Bob Spencer in the CFO planning committee.

The Treasurer reported $855.14 in checking, $1,695.71 in savings, $3,203.00 in money market funds for a total of $5,753.85. A budget for 1983 was presented (copy attached) based on 280 members. Bob Righter will look into the tax-exempt status on the money market. All members who have not paid will be called.

Old business:

Lynn reported that the Rare Bird Alert system is working. The phone number will be given to CFO and Denver Audubon.

The planning committee for the CFO convention will have a meeting on March 7. A field trip is planned for May 28 a.m. at Roxborough Park. The Colorado Division of Wildlife may host a picnic on Sunday at Barr Lake State Park. Suggestions were given to Jan for papers.

A new membership list will be included in the May newsletter. Cut-off date for the list will be April 15.

No new items to report on Bear Creek Lake Park.

No decision has been reached regarding the glider port at Chatfield. A motion was made by Jan Justice that the board go on record opposing the glider port and dog training area. Motion seconded and carried.

New business:

The Colorado bird exhibit at the Denver Museum of Natural History has been taken down due to remodeling of Phipps Auditorium. No plans have been made for a new permanent exhibit. Judy Ward will contact Betsy Webb to make sure this is correct. Jan Justice made a motion that the DFO board express their concerns to the Museum over this issue and offer their help. Motion seconded and carried.

After a discussion on a Distinguished Service Award, the members present thought that the idea was not suitable at this time.

Mildred Snyder will still help people add to their life list.

Warren Finch will select three people for the nominating committee.

The March meeting of the DFO will be on Thursday, March 31, at the West Auditorium.

CFO information will be on display on the literature table at each meeting.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, May 10 at the home of Margaret Elliot.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

BUDGET 1983

EXPENSES 1983

	Last Year	This Year	
PRINTING	1,541	1,600	1,600
POSTAGE			40
ATTENDANTS			172
PROGRAMS			200
XMAS COUNT			35
TELEPHONE 11 MONTHS @12			132
DIRECTOR EXENSES			40
			$2,219

REVENUES 1983	ESTIMATED			
MEMBERSHIP	ESTIMATED AT 280 MEMBERS			
$10 @ 232	=	$2,320		
[17%] $5 @ 48	=	$240		
TOTAL @ 280	=	$2,560		$2,560
INTEREST				
	Boettcher [3,200 @ 0.10]	=	320	
	Checking [1,650 @ 0.05]	=	82.50	
				$402.50
				TOTAL
				$2,962.50

EXTRA COSTS 1983

TELE. INSTALLATION	$100
PRINTING CHECKLIST	$298.10

Minutes of DFO meeting of February 22, 1983.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Warren Finch. Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported $855.14 in checking, $1,695.71 in savings, $3,203.00 in money market funds for a total of $5,753.85.

New members and guests were introduced.

It was reported that Nancy Jones is in St. Joseph Hospital, and that Howard Rowland is not too well. Congratulations were extended to the Duane Nelsons on the birth of their new son.

Old Business:

Thanks were given to Mildred Snyder for her many hours in coordinating the rare birds system, which has been used and enjoyed by DFO members.

CFO convention Saturday field trips will be to Roxborough and Chatfield and the Sunday trip to Barr Lake and surrounding area.

The new field checklists are now on sale.

New Business: The Denver Museum of Natural History plans to close the Colorado Bird Hall permanently at the end of 1983. Write your comments on this action to Dr. Charles T. Crockett, Director, Denver Museum of Natural History, City Park, Denver, Colo. 80205.

Hugh Kingery reported on the Muriel Barber Memorial project. If you have an urban yard landscaped to attract birds, see Hugh. The Kingerys are teaching a beginning bird watching class, not through CU. If interested contact the Kingerys.

Charlie Chase introduced Tom Reider, who has scientific designed birdhouses and feeders for sale.

Sightings:

White-headed Woodpecker at Craig.
Blue Grouse in North Turkey Creek.
Greater Scaup at Baseline Reservoir.
Bald Eagles at Union Reservoir and Lake McConaughy , Nebraska.
Myrtle Warbler at Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.

The March meeting date will be changed to March 31. Harold Holt will give the program on Birds in Southeast Arizona.

Informal Communications: Warren Finch read the talk that was given at the Dedication of the Niedrach Nature Trail at Barr Lake.

The program for the evening was given by Tom Strong *In the Mountains of New Guinea*.

Minutes of DFO meeting of March 31, 1983.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Warren Finch. Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved as read. Treasurer reported $1,183.79 in checking, $1,695.71 in savings, $3,225.00 in money market funds for a total of $6,104.50.

New members and visitors were introduced.

Old Business:

Warren Finch reported on the closing of the bird hall at the Museum of Natural History. Alan Espenlaub will be at the April meeting to tell of the long-range plans to enlarge the bird display and the input that DFO can give to the project.

The request for a glider port at Chatfield has been turned down. The status of the dog training area has not been decided.

Information on the DFO-CFO-DAS convention will be in the April *Lark Bunting*.

Lynn Willcockson reports that the bird alert system is going well.

New Business:

Several books have been updated and one new one added to the Lake Bird Guide Series. A Wildlife Fair is to be May 7 at Arapahoe Fair Grounds. Anyone interested in helping should contact Harold Holt.

Sightings:

Brown Thrasher in South Denver.
Saw-whet Owl heard at Paul Rechel's and Mountain Bluebird seen on March 12 at Rechel's.
Barrow's Goldeneye at Plum Creek Delta Chatfield.

Informal Communications: Catherine Hurlbutt commented on the Mountain Bluebird hiding in holes.

Program: The program for the evening was given by Harold Holt on Birds in Southeast Arizona.

Attendance at meeting: 89

April 26, 1983

The regular monthly meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists on April 26, 1983, was opened at 7:35 p.m. by President Warren Finch. In the absence of the secretary, Ruth Breckon, he read the minutes of the March meeting, which were accepted without change.

No treasurer's report was submitted, since Robert Righter was in Texas.

Visitors and new members were acknowledged.

Warren announced the slate of officers for 1983-84, to be submitted for election at the next meeting, and those in attendance were called upon to stand. Jan Justice will conduct the May meeting.

The next issue of *The Lark Bunting* will contain a new list of the membership, including only those whose dues have been paid.

Jan Justice reported the plans for the CFO-DFO-DAS convention – The Colorado Congress of Field Ornithologists – on Memorial Day weekend. There will be a film festival on Friday night, field trips Saturday morning, papers on Saturday afternoon, and banquet with program by Perry Conway Saturday evening. Sunday will include a picnic at Barr Lake sponsored by the Colorado Division of Wildlife and a trip to the Museum of Natural History in the afternoon. Everyone was urged to attend, especially since the Denver birders are hosts. A good response was thus far reported.

Ann Bonnell reported that live ammunition is used at the dog training area at Chatfield, and urged members to communicate to the Parks Board and the Wildlife Commission their concerns for the area. If such usage for dog training is given permanent status, that part of Chatfield will be reduced from a multiple-use to a single-use area.

Alan Espenlaub, from the Denver Museum of Natural History, shared the background and long-range planning for changes at the Museum. The opening of many new halls and other radical changes in the last 4 ½ years were financed from capital funding accrued over a 10-15-year period; but recent tax cutbacks have necessitated changes in admission policy, and money budgeted for exhibits is decreasing from year to year. The Museum remains devoted to long term educational and high-quality exhibits to reach the broadest, most-interested audience possible. The dismantling of the bird hall exhibit in order to carry through their commitment to build the new theater annex is seen as a temporary – perhaps 2-3 year – situation; when re-installed, the exhibit may be included in a larger area, combined with insect, amphibian and reptile displays, and may address specific topics such as migration, habitat, environmental concerns, etc. In the interim, the options for the bird exhibit include lending it to some other state public institution that could care for it properly and make it accessible for public use, using it as a van-type traveling exhibit throughout the state, or dividing it into various individual exhibits. A collection program for fresh exhibit skins will begin this year. He solicited counsel from the DFO to make the best use of the exhibit now and to prepare long-term plans for the new hall.

Dr. Ronald Ryder presented a beautiful pictorial report on the owls of Colorado, including feeding habits and the lat-long distribution for 14 owls found in, or near, the state.

Sightings included Black-crowned night herons in City Park; Osprey and white-faced ibis at Cherry Creek; Cattle egrets at Chatfield and Barr; Greater prairie chickens, red-bellied woodpecker and barn owl near Wray; and Broad-winged hawks at Chatfield and Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Caswell, Acting Secretary

May 10, 1983

The regular meeting of the Board of the Denver Field Ornithologists was held at the home of Margaret Elliot Tuesday, May 10, 1983, beginning at 7:40 p.m. Present were: President were: Warren Finch, President; Phyllis Caswell; Margaret Elliot; Bernice and Paul (visitor) Merry; Duane Nelson; Jack Reddall; Robert Righter; Robert Spencer; and Lynn Willcockson.

Warren Finch read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted as presented.

Robert Righter, Treasurer, reported $753.43 in the checking account, $3,268.00 in the Boettcher Fund, and $1,743.72 in the savings account for a total of $5,765.15. The club's healthy financial condition is the result of generous gifts from individuals, sales of Howard Rollin's pictures and the lending library, and two recent increases in dues. The current balance gives assurance that *The Lark Bunting* can be continued as an important organ of communication, even with constantly rising publication costs.

Old business:

Lynn Willcockson reported on and requested comments concerning the Rare Bird Alert system. The board unanimously commended his operation of the system and counseled that reports in need of verification be so labeled on the tape; that participants be encouraged to report back when a rare bird leaves, or that it remains in the area at a later time; that names and phone numbers of persons reporting finds be included so they can be contacted directly; and that indications of plumage (immature or adult) and sex of the finds be included where possible. A write-up will be prepared for publication in *The Lark Bunting* giving additional guidance on reporting finds of rare or interesting birds. If there is a question whether the bird is rare enough to be reported, the sighting should be called in for Lynn's consideration. Finds are reported in *The Lark Bunting* only if also submitted to the editor, but Lynn has a record calendar, which can be referred to for a complete, historical picture of reports. Other items of interest — field trips, meetings, etc. — will also be included on the tape as time and space permit.

A new member list has been compiled and will be published in the next *Lark Bunting*. Numerous names are missing, but the list contains about the same overall number of members as previously. Essentially, all memberships are on a paid basis, but free ones could be granted by the program chairman to speakers, etc.

Warren reported that the dog-training area at Chatfield may yet be approved on a permanent basis and asked what further action could be taken.

He stated that Don Thatcher was, at one time, the club's Museum representative, and proposed that a new representative be appointed and made chairman of a committee of three to five persons to work with the Denver Museum of Natural History in planning for the best educational short- and long-term display of the bird exhibits. Jack Reddall requested that Denver Audubon Society and Colorado Field Ornithologists be included on the committee. The representative/chairman would also be responsible for locating many items belonging to the club, which were, at one time, stored at the Museum. A notice will be put in *The Lark Bunting* seeking volunteers for this position.

A letter of appreciation will be sent to Alan Espenlaub for the presentation he made to the club at the April meeting.

Duane will locate the light pointer for use at the Colorado Congress of field ornithologists on Memorial Day weekend. He will also try to find someone to manage a table at the Congress where checklists, bird guides, and membership cards may be obtained. Robert Spencer will try to have a new officers list available also.

New business:

Jan Justice will submit for election, at the May meeting, the slate of new officers nominated for the 1983-84 term.

Bea Merry asked about club representation on the Colorado Open Space Council. While the board appreciates this Council, it recommended individual memberships to such organizations, with possible reports on relevant activities. Previous experience has shown that membership in one such organization necessitates membership in others and requires consistent representation at organization meetings, supported by discussion at DFO board meetings, which takes substantial time from consideration of birding issues. Board would consider one-time donations to worthy causes.

Jack Reddall reported that 1983 would be the 30th year for the Christmas count and recommended appropriate publicity. He announced plans to compile a book on all the species recorded, and will provide a summary for a one- to two- page insert in the November newsletter to revive interest in the count. Attendance has been declining in recent years due, in part, to increased cost of participation and proliferation of counts.

There was general discussion of the desirability of getting more young people involved and means by which it could be accomplished — through spot announcements, talks to school children, use of posters or poster contests, contacts with junior high or high school science teachers, regular classes, or scholarships for those interested in special courses or field camps. Follow through would be needed. This will be considered further at future meetings.

The first fall meeting of the new DFO board will be on September 27, 1983, at Jack Reddall's home.

A letter of appreciation will be sent to the museum for providing free use of the West auditorium for DFO monthly meetings.

Phyllis Caswell was allowed to present a foolish bird parody.

The meeting closed at 9:30, and the hostess, Marge Elliot, served refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Caswell, Secretary Pro-Tem

Minutes of May 24, 1983 DFO Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Past President Jan Justice. Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer reported $3,268.00 in CMA, $1,743.00 in savings, $753.43 in checking for a total of $5,764.43.

New members and guests were introduced and welcomed.

Old Business: Election of officers. The slate presented by the Nominations Committee:

President:	Jack Reddall
Vice President:	Kathy Hawkins
Treasurer:	Robert Righter
Recording Secretary:	Ruth Breckon
Corresponding Secretary:	Ruth Bull
Field Trip Chairpersons:	Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler
Editor, *Lark Bunting*:	Judy Ward
Board of Directors 1986:	Don Johnson, Herman Kretschmer

Motion to accept slate as presented was made by Ruth Breckon, seconded and carried.

New Business: A representative to the Denver Museum of Natural History is needed. Anyone interested please contact Warren Finch or Jan Justice. The new lat-longs are ready.

Sightings: Green-tailed and Rufous-sided towhee at State Capitol, Magnolia Warbler at the Justices', Lazuli Bunting and Evening Grosbeak at Green Mountain, Swallow-tailed kite at Chatfield, Bullock's Oriole at City Park, Green Kingfisher at Chatfield.

Informal Communications:

Jan Justice shared some slides of the Saw Whet Owl family nesting at Chatfield.

The program on Pelicans at Riverside Reservoir was given by Susan Taylor.

August 25, 1983

A meeting of the Board of the Denver Field Ornithologists was held August 25, 1983, at the home of Jack Reddall beginning at 7:45 p.m. Present were Ruth Breckon, Ruth Bull, Warren Finch, Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Don Johnson, Herman Kretschmer, Duane Nelson, Jack Reddall, Ruth Wheeler, and Judy Ward.

Minutes of the May 10, 1983, meeting were read and approved as read.

Meeting places and times for the entire year are set with the Denver Museum of Natural History except for the September meeting; if no room is available on September 6, it will be on the 4th Tuesday of September.

The Board commends Lynn Willcockson on an outstanding job with the Rare Bird Alert.

A brief budget for 1982-83 shows:

Printing & postage for *Lark Bunting*	$1,800/yr.
Misc. postage	$100
Rare Bird Alert	$140
Custodian at meetings	$155
Speakers	$150
	$2,325

With a membership of 280, it looks as if expenses can be met without an increase in dues.

Dave Martin will be the DFO representative to the Denver Museum of Natural History. A motion by Warren Finch that the Museum Representative be a permanent guest to the Board meetings was seconded and carried.

After discussion, it was voted that the schedule of the Boulder Bird Club not be included in *The Lark Bunting*.

As 1983 is the 30th anniversary for the Christmas Count, Jack will provide a 30-year summary for insertion in the November newsletter in hopes of reviving interest in the count. He will also contact the newspapers for added publicity.

The CU library would like a complete file of *The Lark Bunting*. Judy Ward will contact the library as there is not an extra set of a complete file and the library would have to pay for reproduction costs. Ruth Wheeler has a complete set, including the newsletter from the Colorado Bird Club; she is considering giving these to the DFO.

January 1985 will be the 50th anniversary of the Bird Club. The possibility of having a historian was briefly discussed.

It was suggested that when an overnight trip is scheduled, a local trip be scheduled also. The second weekend of each month will have a trip to Barr Lake to help in establishing records for the area.

The idea of a badge with the DFO logo was suggested. Herman will have information on this for the next meeting, which will be in November.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes of the September 6, 1983, DFO meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Past President Warren Finch at 7:35 PM. Warren passed the feather to President Jack Reddall.

Minutes of May meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported $3,337.00 in CMA, $1,766.79 in savings, and $901.79 in checking for a total of $6,005.58.

Outgoing officers were thanked and new officers were introduced. Dave Martin is the representative to Denver Museum.

Guests and new members were introduced and welcomed.

Old Business none.

New Business: During this 48th year of DFO, let's increase our membership by each one bringing in a new member. Suggestions were made for the need of a publicity chairperson. An inventory of the mailing plates will be made to be sure that all current members receive *The Lark Bunting*.

Sightings:

At Barr Lake: Parasitic Jaeger, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Red Knot, Dunlin
At Coopers: Evening Grosbeak
Mountain plovers in Eastern Colorado
Sabine Gull at Lower Latham
MacGillivray's Warbler at Echo Lake

The program for the evening was given by Bob Spencer on Birds of Britain.

Minutes of the Oct. 4, 1983 DFO meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Kathy Hawkins at 7:35 PM. Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved as read. Treasurer reported $742.18 in checking, $1,766.79 in savings and $3,388.00 in Boettcher Cash Fund, making a total of $5,896.97.

Old Business: Remember to bring in any item of interest to the meeting for an informal communication.

New Business: The mobile home park for the Barr Lake area has been approved with 750 sites instead of the original 1,500. There is to be a ½-mile buffer zone between the mobile home sites and the lake.

Catherine Hurlbutt reported on the weakened conditions seen in some Blue-winged Teal and on the number of Nighthawks that are being hurt by flying into wires.

Informal Communications: Don Johnson had several slides of a hawk seen in Texas and needs help in its identification.

Sightings:

Red Phalarope at Jumbo
Sabine gull, Black-bellied Plover, and Ruddy Turnstone at Chatfield
Smith's Longspur at Pawnee

The first part of the evening's program was given by Frank and Jan Justice on "It's Very Special to Have Your Own Baby Great Horned Owl." The second part of the program was given by Kathy Hawkins on the 30 years of the Annual DFO Christmas Count.

Minutes of the November 1, 1983, DFO meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Reddall at 7:40 p.m. Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved as read. Treasurer reported in checking $524.87, savings $1,790.17, Boettcher Cash Fund $3,415.00 for a total of $5,730.04.

New members and guests were introduced and welcomed.

Old Business: None

New Business: Howard Rollins is at the Sunrise Nursing Manor at Brush, and would appreciate cards and visitors.

Numerous cases of Fowl Pox Virus are reported in the area house finch population.

The 30th annual Christmas Bird Count will be December 17, with the wrap-up dinner at Wyatt's in Bear Creek Shopping Mall. The December *Lark Bunting* will have a special feature about the count and details on leaders and areas. Be sure to sign up for the count. The cost for each participant is $2.00.

The Douglas County Christmas Count will be December 31.

The need for an information sheet on DFO for prospective members was cited.

Informal Communications: Jan Justice showed a few slides of a Sabine's Gull.

Sightings:

Lesser ~~Black Bellied~~ Golden Plover at Barr
2 Barrow's Goldeneye at Chatfield
Surf Scoter at Bijou and Barr
Immature 1st year male Brambling at Colorado Springs.

Lynn Willcockson gets a big thanks for his fine work on the Rare Bird Alert.

Don and Lee Johnson gave a very fine slide program on CRAM Birding.

Minutes of the January 3, 1984, DFO meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Reddall. Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported $1,231.56 in checking, $1,813.60 in savings and $3,439.00 in Boettcher Cash Fund giving a total of $6,484.26.

A 4-acre dog-training site at Chatfield has been approved. No live birds will be used in the area and 22 caliber blanks will be allowed. The area will be located in the vicinity of the dam spillway.

The total number of species in the 1983 Christmas Bird Count was 93, the lowest since 1979 and the second time since 1970 that less than 100 species were reported. A new species was seen this year – the Brown-headed Cowbird.

Ruth Wheeler announced plans for a trip to Grand Island, Nebraska in March to see the Sandhill Cranes. Anyone interested should indicate their interest on a sign-up sheet after the meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: The question was raised as to a memorial to Howard Rollins. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Visitors were introduced and welcomed.

Catherine Hurlbutt brought to the members' attention the dangers of using mesh bags as suet feeders as Flickers can get their tongue caught in the mesh.

Sightings:

Brambling at Boulder
Greater Scaup Prospect Park, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Snow Buntings around Barr Lake
Seen on the Crook Count 4 Goshawks
Dipper at Jumbo Reservoir and male Cardinal
Bushtits at Waterton
Old Squaw at Cherry Creek
Thayer's Gull at McClellan

The evening's program was two films – one from Division of Wildlife on Barr Lake and the second film *What Good is a Warbler?*

Minutes of the February 7, 1984, DFO meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Reddall. Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported $1,665.43 in checking, $1,813.60 in savings, $3,492.00 in Boettcher Cash Fund giving a total of $6,971.03. A donation of $50.00 for the Rare Bird Alert was received from CFO.

Information was received from the National Park Service for seminars at Rocky Mountain Park, from the International Shore Bird Study, a North Carolina bird trip, and need for information for 2 foreign visitors to the area. See Jack after the meeting if interested in any information.

Old Business: None

New Business: Bob Spencer has painting by Howard Rollins to sell. Field trips are planned to see the Sandhill Cranes March 24-25 and the Greater Prairie Chicken April 6-7. CFO's new checklist is available.

New members and guests were introduced and welcomed.

Sightings: Franklins Gull at City Park, possible Gyrfalcon at Sloan's Lake, Snowy Owl north of Berthoud, Colo.

The evening's program was given by Ron Holliday, Director of Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation on *Plans for the Future*.

Minutes of the DFO board meeting February 15, 1984

A meeting of the DFO board was held February 15, 1984, at the home of Jack Reddall. Present were Ruth Breckon, Warren Finch, Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Don Johnson, Herman Kretschmer, Dave Martin, Duane Nelson, Jack Reddall, Judy Ward, Ruth Wheeler.

Minutes of the August 25, 1983, meeting were read and approved.

Dave reported that the museum does not need help with the Bird Room at this time. He will also locate DFO material stored at the museum.

Lynn Willcockson will ask about the ownership of the book "Birds of Western Colorado" by Dr. Davis, which DFO has been selling at the meetings.

The idea of a book service was discussed and approved. Dave will be in charge and have details at the next board meeting.

Jack will inquire at the museum as to changing meeting nights for 1984-85 to the 4th Tuesday of each month.

To help in the delivery of DFO mail, the treasurer will supply the museum with 12 addressed envelopes and will reimburse the museum yearly for postage.

Herman reported that the Colorado Badge and Trophy Company will supply DFO logo badges for $1.52 each for up to 220. For 220 or more price is $0.81 each. Motion by Warren that 220 badges be ordered was seconded and carried. Don moved that the addition of "Founded 1935" be added to the patch, and that the selling price be $1.00. The motion was seconded and carried.

Judy reported that the interests of the CU library in DFO Records was in error. Herman will inquire at the Denver Public Library, and Dave at the Museum, as to interest in microfilming DFO field notes and records.

The suggestion was made to donate either books or a painting of Howard Rollins to the Fort Morgan

Library in his memory by the DFO. Ruth Wheeler will write to Joe Rigli about these suggestions and get information on the library. Jack will contact the library as to their willingness to accept a memorial.

The membership now is 224. Don will call all 1983 members who have not renewed in 1984. Mailing plates will be pulled in April for non-paid members.

Motion was made by Don to give permission to the treasurer to move the checking account to an investment account at higher interest. Motion was seconded and carried.

Approval was given to include information in *The Lark Bunting* on a pelagic bird trip arranged by Bob Righter to Monterey, California, October 4 through 7, 1984.

The Nominating Committee will be Patty Echelmeyer, Chairperson; Duane Nelson; and Lynn Willcockson.

Thomson Marsh is to receive the Evans Award from the University of Denver. To pay recognition to Thomson on this event, a card will be presented to Thompson from all DFO members. Ruth Bull will get an appropriate card for the occasion.

The next board meeting will be late March or early April.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes of DFO meeting of March 6, 1984.

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Reddall. Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported $1,689.20 in checking, $1,813.60 in savings, and $3,518.00 in Boettcher Cash Fund for a total of $7,009.80. A donation of $35.00 was received from Denver Audubon Society for the Rare Bird Alert.

Communications: An announcement for a Pelagic Bird Trip from Monterey, California, October 4 through 7, with a cost of approximately $150.00. For details, see Bob Righter. Letter from Monte Vista Chamber of commerce for the “Whooping Crane Festival” March 30 and 31st.

New members and guests were introduced.

Old Business: None

New Business: The National Geographic Society will have a program on PBS Channel 6 on April 4 on the Whooping Crane.

The Nominations Committee reports that the slate of officers for 1984-85 is complete except for Editor of *The Lark Bunting*. If anyone is interested, contact Patty Echelmeyer, Lynn Willcockson, or Duane Nelson.

DFO plans to honor Howard Rollins by a donation of books or a painting to the Fort Morgan Public Library.

The University of Denver's Evans Award was presented to Thompson Marsh. This is the highest award the University can present an alumnus. Congratulations!

Congratulations also to Lynn Willcockson for his seeing the Rare Bird Alert through its first year. Over 3,000 calls have been received, including calls from as far away as Maryland.

Sightings:

Hybrid White-fronted Goose at Sloan's Lake.
Immature Bald Eagle at Rocky Mountain Arsenal.
Herring Gull at Washington Park.
Thayer's Gull and Greater Yellowlegs at Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.
Ten Tundra Swans and Goshawk at Cherry Creek.
Brambling is back at Boulder.
Rare goose at Delta.
Lewis's Woodpecker at River Front Park – Glenwood.

Informal Communications:

Bob Rozinski showed several slides of albino Sandhill Cranes seen at Monte Vista.

Program was given by Sigrid Eublacker on Raptor Rehabilitation.

Minutes of the April 3rd, 1984, meeting of DFO

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Kathy Hawkins. Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported $6,758.43 in Interwest Investment account; $755.72 in checking account, giving a total of $7,514.15.

Old Business: Don Johnson reported that the total of Whooping Cranes numbers 142. The death of Robert Glover, a longtime member of DFO, was reported.

New Business: The Nominations Committee proposed the following slate of officers and directors for 1984-85.

President	Jack Reddall
Vice President	Kathy Hawkings
Treasurer	Bob Righter
Recording Secretary	Ruth Breckon
Corresponding Secretary	Ruth Bull
Field Trip Chairpersons	Ruth Wheeler
	Bob Spencer
Editor, *The Lark Bunting*	Jack Reddall

Board of Directors	1985	Carol Hack
		Duane Nelson
	1986	Don Johnson
		Herman Kretschmer
	1987	Allan Hay
		Dick Schottler

A typist is needed for *The Lark Bunting*.

The Denver Audubon Society will have a Wild Flower Identification Class starting May 7.

Dave Martin has volunteered his help in finding the source for bird books you might be interested in buying. Please see Dave after the meetings.

The May program will be given by Peter Ginn, a resident of Zimbabwe.

New members and guests were introduced and welcomed.

Sightings:

Sage sparrows seen at Bear Creek Lake Park.
Ross's Goose in City Park Lake.
Male Cardinal in neighborhood at 1st and Dexter.
Adult Goshawk at City Park.
27 Whooping Cranes at Monte Vista.
Sandhill Cranes near Colorado Springs.
Red Crossbill in Black Forest.
Winter wren at Chatfield.
Barrow's Goldeneye by Granby.
Many sightings of Cassin's Finches.

Program was given by Bob Andrews, "Venezuela Birding"

Minutes of May 1st, 1984, meeting of DFO

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Reddall. Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported $840.54 in checking account, $6,758.43 in Interwest account, giving a total of $7,598.97.

Correspondence: The neighbors of Robert Glover, a longtime member of DFO, gave $30.00 to the DFO in his memory.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following list of officers for 1984-85:

President	Jack Reddall
Vice President	Kathy Hawkins
Treasurer	Bob Righter

Recording Secretary		Ruth Breckon
Corresponding Secretary		Ruth Bull
Field Trip Chairpersons		Ruth Wheeler, Bob Spencer
Editor of *The Lark Bunting*		Kent Holcomb
Board of Directors	1985	Carol Hack
		Duane Nelson
	1986	Don Johnson
		Herman Kretschmer
	1987	Allen Hay
		Dick Schottler

Motion by Paul Rechel that the slate be elected as presented was seconded and carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: Catherine Hurlbutt asked if a memorial to Don Thatcher was included in the Museum display of Colorado Birds. Charles Chase stated that the display is soon to be moved and that a memorial to Don Thatcher will be included in the new display. Charles also invited all members of DFO to join the CFO convention in Grand Junction May 26-27, 1984.

Jack Reddall stated that special events will be taking place next year in DFO to mark 50 years of the DFO. Badges with DFO logo will be ready in September to help start the celebration.

New members and guests were introduced and welcomed.

Sightings:

Subadult Ross's Gull at Chatfield.
Eastern Bluebird at Chatfield.
Caspian Tern at Grand Junction.
Yellow-crowned Night Heron at City Park.
Piping Plover at Jumbo Reservoir.
Short-billed Dowitchers at Ireland Reservoir.
Rock Wren at Botanic Gardens.
Peregrine Falcon at Latham Reservoir.
Ospreys at Chatfield and Cherry Creek.
Snowy Egrets and Nighthawks at Cherry Creek.
In Castle Rock area, possibility of two pairs of nesting Golden Eagles.

Program for the evening was given by Peter Ginn on Bird Watching in Zimbabwe.

Minutes of the DFO board meeting August 30, 1984

The August 30, 1984, board meeting was held at the home of President Jack Reddall. Present were Ruth

Breckon, Warren Finch, Carol Hack, Kent Holcomb, Dave Martin, Duane Nelson, Jack Reddall, Bob Righter, Dick Schottler, Judy Ward, Ruth Wheeler, Lynn Willcockson.

Minutes of the February 15, 1984, meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported $310.00 in checking account, $7,013 in savings for a total of $7,323.00.

Budget for fiscal year September '83 to September '84 is Revenue $3,209.00, Expenses $2,155.00. Projected budget September '84 to September '85 based on 290 memberships. Revenue $3,410 Expenses $2,300. Budget approved. (see below for details)

Approval given to Kent and Judy to spend up to $400.00 to purchase a typewriter and to rent one, if needed, for a month.

Fort Morgan Library will set up a shelf for the books given as a memorial to Howard Rollins. Books will be given as soon as inventory is done.

DFO Rare Bird Alert number now included in ABA listing.

Dave will see if Museum will microfilm all DFO records and how accessible the records will be. Ruth Wheeler will donate her complete set to the Museum.

The 1984-85 meetings will be the first Tuesday of the month. A December meeting might be held instead of the January 1, 1985, date. A second copy of the contract is needed.

Christmas count will be December 15.

The 50th anniversary will be at the April meeting. Committee includes Ruth Wheeler, Kathy Hawkins, Lynn Willcockson, Patty Echelmeyer (Kathy will call her), Carol Hack, Harold Holt (Jack will call him), Ruth Breckon.

Judy Ward will see about doing an oral history for DFO.

Note will be in *Lark Bunting* and announced at October meeting for volunteers to help on the anniversary activities.

Agenda item for a future meeting is storage of DFO material.

Bob Righter suggested the need to increase membership, and it might be done by including bird trip information from other parts of the state.

Duane will contact members in Colorado Springs about their trip information.

Meeting adjourned.

FISCAL YEAR SEPT 1, '83 - SEPT 1, '84

REVENUES

Membership Dues			
246 members @ $10	$2,460		
47 members @$ 5	$235		
293 TOTAL		$2,695	
Interest	$409	$409	
Contributions towards phone	$170	$170	
Book sales	-$65	-$65	
TOTAL			$3,209

EXPENSES

Printing	$1,694	$1,694	
Meeting	$138	$138	
Stamps	$48	$48	
Director expenses	$20	$20	
Misc: Typewriter paper	$50	$50	
Scope repair	$22	$22	
Phone	$183	$183	
TOTAL			$2,155

PROJECTED BUDGET 9/1/84 - 9/1/85

REVENUES		EXPENSES	
Membership	$2,700	Printing	$1,800
Book sales	$50	Meeting	$160
Contrib. To phone	$100	Stamps	$50
Interest		Director expenses	$30
$7,000 @ 8%	$560	Phone	$210
		Misc	$50
TOTAL	**$3,410**		**$2,300**

D.F.O Meeting, October 2, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by Vice President Kathy Hawkins.

Minutes of the May 1, 1984, meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showed balances of $199.15 in the checking account, $6,746.50 in the savings account for a total of $6,945.75.

The Board of Directors approved the purchase of a typewriter for $266.45.

There was no old business.

New Business: Announcement was made of two events on which the DFO received brochures, including a Hawaiian Nature Tour and a River Management Seminar.

A committee is being formed to plan the DFO's 50th anniversary in April '85. Kathy requested volunteers to assist in the planning.

D.W. King has been working on wildlife art and announced a one-man show at the Sheraton Denver Tech Center October 14-16, 1984. Hours will be Sunday 11:00-1:00 and Monday and Tuesday 5:00-7:00.

Guests were announced (Dot Stewart from Illinois).

Sightings: Sabine's Gulls at Cherry Creek Reservoir and Union Reservoir.

Don Johnson reported on a pelagic trip from Washington on which they saw 29 of the 32 species previously seen by the guides. Lee Johnson expressed appreciation for the job Harold Holt and Jim Lane do on their field guides.

Congratulations to Don and Lee Johnson for publication in *Birder's Digest* of their photography and article about the Spotted Owl.

Harold Holt is just back from California where he was revising the Southern California book, and he reports seeing 3 out of the 17 California Condors in the air at the same time. He suggests the best viewing is from Mill Potrero Rd. on west side of Mt. Pinos near forest service boundary. The California revised edition is to be out in January.

Kathy Hawkins introduced the program, which consisted of two films from the Colorado Division of Wildlife. *Watching Wild Wings* offered tips on waterfowl identification and *So Little Time* concentrated on endangered species of the marsh.

Board Meeting November 1, 1984

Meeting was held at the home of President Jack Reddall. Present: Ruth Breckon, Ruth Bull, Warren Finch, Al Hay, Don Johnson, Jack Reddall, Bob Righter, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Lynn Willcockson.

Minutes of the August 30 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported $28.45 in checking, $6,774.97 in savings for a total of $6,803.42. A typewriter was purchased for the price of $200 - $300. A $50.00 donation to Rare Bird Alert was received from Patty Echelmeyer's Tuesday Morning Bird Group.

A signed copy of a contract with the Museum has been received. Board voted to cancel the January meeting and to hold a December meeting. The Museum will be happy to receive the complete records from Ruth Wheeler.

The Colorado Bird Records are open to the public. Contact Charlie Chase.

The Board is not in favor of making DFO contributions to other groups.

Motion by Don Johnson that the books indicated on the inventory list be sent to the Fort Morgan library along with the picture of the Black-necked Stilt as a memorial to Howard Rollins. A plaque will be placed on the picture. Motion was seconded and carried. It is the wish of the Board that these books be on a separate shelf for reference.

The glass plate in the inventory collection will be given to the Colorado Historical Society.

Kathy will call the first planning meeting for the anniversary activities. Bob Spencer and Cicely Mellor volunteered to help on committee.

Judy Ward has started scrapbook for DFO. All donations are welcomed.

Jack will call Herman Kretschmer about the badges of the DFO logo.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes of DFO meeting November 6, 1984

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Reddall. Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported a balance of $144.18 in checking, $6,803.42 in savings for a total of $6,947.60.

Announcements:

Kathy reports that all the leaders are signed up for the Christmas Bird Count on December 15. Someone is needed to contact the newspapers for some publicity.

The Fort Morgan Public Library will soon be receiving some books and paintings from DFO as a memorial to Howard Rollins. DFO members have access to the library at the Museum of Natural History, but you must be a member of the museum in order to check books out. To check the Colorado Bird Records, which are open to the public, see Charlie Chase.

Anyone knowing where to repair scopes and tripods, please see Patty Echelmeyer.

There will be no meeting in January 1985. The 50th anniversary of DFO will be celebrated at the April meeting. If you would like to volunteer in the planning for this occasion, please see Jack, Kathy, or Patty Echelmeyer. Judy Ward has started a scrapbook and all DFO information donations are needed.

Ruth Wheeler has donated to the Museum her complete set of the DFO newsletters from the *Colorado Bird Notes* 1953 to the current *Lark Bunting*.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Bob Righter reported that a total of 93 species were recorded on the DFO California trip.

Sightings at Cherry Creek: Arctic Loon, Barrow's Goldeneye, Bonaparte's Gull. At Windsor Lake: Harris's Sparrow, Thayer's Gull. Brant at Thunderbird Lake in Boulder.

Short Communications: Bob Spencer had several slides of Ptarmigan at Rocky Mountain National Park. Roland Olderog showed a few slides of Mute Swans and Mandarin Ducks from his trip to Norway and Denmark.

The program was given by Edward Schmitt, General Curator of Denver Zoological Gardens, on his travels to New Guinea.

Minutes of the December 4, 1984, meeting of DFO

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Reddall.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported a balance of $125.42 in checking, $6,911.05 in savings for a total of $7,036.47.

Announcements: Cost for the Christmas Count will be $3.00 per person. Christine Bonney is housebound and would like to hear from DFO members.

Old Business: None

New Business: Frank Justice has been appointed to the State Parks Board. New members and visitors were introduced and welcomed.

Sightings: At Cherry Creek: Mew Gull, Barrow's Goldeneye, Greater Scaup, Arctic Loon, Surf Scoter, Thayer's Gull. At Wood's Reservoir: Glaucous Gull, Snow Geese. At Chatfield: Ross's Goose, Bald Eagle.

Program for the evening was given by Hugh Kingery on estimating number of birds.

Minutes of the February 5, 1985, meeting of DFO

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Reddall. Minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported a balance of $1,359.22 in checking, $7,008.97 in savings for a total of $8,368.19. One hundred twenty-two members are delinquent in dues.

Announcements: The cost of repairing the Rare Bird Alert is $80.00.

New Business: Final arrangements have been made for the donation of paintings and periodicals in memory of Howard Rollins to the Fort Morgan Public Library. Ruth Wheeler has donated a complete set of *Colorado Bird Notes* and *Lark Bunting* to the Denver Museum of Natural History.

New members were introduced and welcomed.

Sightings: Bohemian Waxwings in Arvada and Littleton. Glaucous-winged Gull at Valmont Reservoir. Mew Gull at Cherry Creek. Pygmy Owl at South Platte near Deckers, also along the Highline Ditch. Merlin at Observatory Park. Yellow-rumped Warbler at Wheat Ridge. White-winged Crossbill at Muir Springs and Fort Collins. At Bonny Reservoir: Old Squaw; Rusty Blackbird; Harris's Sparrow; Barn, Long- and Short-eared Owls; White-throated Sparrow.

The program was photo night given by some of DFO's talented members.

Minutes of the March 6, 1985, meeting of DFO

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Reddall.

Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer reported a balance of $1,456.00 in checking, $7,008.00 in savings for a total of $8,464.00.

Announcements: The memorial to Fort Morgan Library in honor of Howard Rollins is completed. Ruth Wheeler has generously given a complete set of *Colorado Bird Notes* and *Lark Bunting* from 1953 to 1980 to the Denver Museum of Natural History. The Western Bird Banding Society Conference will be at Estes Park June 3-5. See Ron Ryder for details. March 23-24 will be the second annual Whooping Crane

Festival at Monte Vista. Bird Watch trip to the West Coast of Mexico and into the rainforest will be in May. If interested, contact John Hardesty.

Old Business: Judy Ward would like any material about the DFO so it can be included in the scrapbook for the 50th anniversary meeting.

New Business: A small owl survey will be held in the Boulder area during March, April, and May. All who would like to help, see Warren Finch.

New members and visitors were introduced and welcomed.

Sightings: Bald Eagles near Orchard; Hooded Mergansers at Sloan's Lake along with Horned Grebe. Cinnamon Teal at Cherry Creek. Bald Eagle at Chatfield. Barred Owl at Cameron Pass. If you see Evening Grosbeak with bandings, contact Jude Ward.

Program was given by Harold Holt on recent bird photos.

Minutes of the April 2, 1985, DFO meeting

The 50th Anniversary meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists was opened with a welcome by President Jack Reddall. The minutes of the February 1935 meeting were read with a reminder to stay clear of all political wrangling and to save pennies to buy camping equipment for overnight bird trips. The 1936 treasurer reported a balance of $26.20. The treasurer reported for April 1985 a balance of $1,083.27 in checking, $7,801.73 in savings for a total of $8,885.00.

The three charter members present were Catherine Hurlbutt, Ruth Wheeler, and Lillian Wangnild. Early members James Humphrey, Leonard Tillquist, and George Icey (Ives?), and special guest Mrs. Muriel (Alfred M.) Bailey were given corsages and boutonnieres by the evening's hostess, Dorothy Reddall.

A 1940 vintage film, *High Country,* produced by Dr. Alfred Bailey was shown by Betsy Webb of the Museum staff. Charles Chase, of the Museum staff, conducted a tour of the new Colorado Bird Hall. A new lighting system is needed to show to advantage this collection.

While looking through the DFO scrapbook prepared by Judy Ward and early copies of *Colorado Bird Notes*, the members and guests finished this gala 50th anniversary celebration with refreshments served by Patty Echelmeyer and Diane Mullineaux.

May 7, 1985, DFO meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Reddall. Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported $1,110.50 in checking, $7,850.69 in savings for a total of $8,961.19. A contribution to the Rare Bird Alert was received from the Denver Audubon Society.

New Business:

The following slate of officers was proposed by the Nomination Committee.

President	Kathy Hawkins
Vice President	Hugh Kingery
Treasurer	Robert Righter
Recording Secretary	Ruth Breckon
Corresponding Secretary	Carol Hack
Field Trip Chair Persons	Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler
Editor *Lark Bunting*	Kent Holcomb
Board of Directors	Virginia Edens
	Joe Shwed (1986)
	Alan Hay, Dick Schottler (1987)
	Harold Oliver, Wade Leitner (1988)

A motion made by Bob Spencer that nominations be closed was seconded and carried. Jan Justice made the motion to accept the proposed slate. Motion seconded and carried.

Patty Echelmeyer is collection good-condition foreign and domestic stamps for the Florida Audubon *Save the Eagle* project. Due to the vandalism at Muir Springs Park, it has become an undesirable area for birding. Also, vandals have taken their toll on the signs on the Niedrach Nature Trail at Barr Lake State Park.

Lighting is being installed on the Colorado Bird display at the Denver Museum.

The Colorado Field Ornithologists convention will be June 1 & 2 at Sterling with trips to Red Lion and Pawnee Grassland areas.

A bird census will be held at Rocky Mountain Arsenal in connection with an airport environmental impact study on May 18. If interested, call Wendy Greenberg.

Thanks to DFO were received from Don and Lee Johnson as they leave to make their new home in Washington State.
Bird Awareness Day will be May 24. Can DFO have some impact on this?

It was suggested that a class in sparrow identification be held.

Guests and new members were introduced and welcomed.

Sightings:

Dusty-capped Flycatcher at Ute Reservoir
Barn Owl at Chatfield
Northern Waterthrush at Barr Lake
Parula Warbler at Bear Creek
Worm-eating Warbler at Prewitt

The program was given by Jim Duncan on Finding and Photographing Wildlife in Alaska.

Board Meeting August 28, 1985

Meeting was held at Kathy Hawkins's home. Present were: Ruth Beckon, Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Al Hay, Hugh Kingery, Harold Oliver, Jack Reddall, Bob Righter, Dick Schottler, Joe Shwed, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler.

Treasurer presented the expenses for 1984 - 1985 and projected revenues and expenses for 1985 - 1986. After a discussion on a date of payment of dues, it was suggested that cards be sent to delinquent members. Bob Spencer will print up the cards. Cost for 250 will be $10 to 15. Motion by Jack that the budget, as amended, be approved was seconded and carried.

The Museum's policy of renting the auditorium for one year at a time has been changed to 3 months. Meeting times for September, October, and November are set up. Kathy will see to securing the auditorium each 3 months.

More DFO decals, along with embroidery badges, will be ordered.

Christmas Bird Count will be December 21st. Count areas need to be redefined and help is needed to obtain leaders. Suggested to help were Dave Martin and Frank Justice.

Ruth Wheeler's suggestion that a copy of *The Lark Bunting* be sent to the museum was approved.

A book of old minutes and correspondence found by Bob Spencer were given to Jack for the archives.

Hugh reported that American Birds magazine has a large deficit and needs new subscribers. A short brief ad will be put in the next newsletter.

A brief discussion on subjects for further meetings was held.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the September 3, 1985, DFO meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Hawkins. Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported $520.00 in checking, $8,048.00 in savings, for a total of $8,568.00. CFO gave a generous contribution to the Rare Bird Alert.

Old Business: None

New Business:

CFO will be having gull and sparrow identification clinics this fall.

DFO decals and embroidery patches will be available in early fall. The newest addition to Catherine Hurlbutt's family – either Jack or Jill – was introduced, and Catherine gave a brief, informative history of jackdaws in America.

New members and guests were introduced.

Sightings:

D.W. King reported seeing 7 Peregrine Falcons while on the Western Slope.

Parasitic Jaeger at Jackson

Short-billed Dowitcher, 2 Red Knots, and 1 Buff-breasted Sandpiper at Colorado Fuel and Iron ponds in Pueblo

Red parrot at south end of Washington Park

Informal Communications:

Bob Spencer showed several slides of birds seen on recent DFO trips.

Program for the evening was given by Kathy Hawkins on Alaska and the Pribilof Islands.

FISCAL YEAR **9/1/84 - 9/1/85**

CAPITAL EXPENSES	Typewriter	$266.45	
REVENUES			
Membership Dues			
240 members @ $10	$2,400		
45 members @$ 5	$225		
293 TOTAL		$2,625	
Interest	$603.46	$603.46	
Book sales	$163.35	$163.35	
Picture Sales	$50	$50	
Misc	$75	$75	
Contributions towards phone (16 people)	$327.25	$3	
TOTAL			$3,844.06
EXPENSES			
Printing	$1,839.91	$1,839.91	
Meetings, custodian	$138	$138	
Stamps	$75.30	$75.30	
Typewriter ribbons	$29.37	$29.37	
50th Anniversary	$48.55	$48.55	
Misc	$21	$21	
Phone (Mt. Bell & ATT)	$183.24	$183.24	
Phone repair	$114.93	$114.93	
TOTAL			$2,450.30

PROJECTED BUDGET 9/1/85 - 9/1/86

REVENUES		EXPENSES	
Membership	$2,600	Printing	$1,9540
Book sales	$100	Meeting	$200
Contrib. To phone	$100	Stamps	$100
Interest		Typewriter ribbon	$40
$8,000 @ 6%	$480	Phone Mt. Bell	$220
		Phone repair	$100
		Misc	$50
TOTAL	**$3,280**		**$2,660**

Minutes of October 2, 1985

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Hawkins. Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported $386.97 in checking, $8096.00 in savings for a total of $8482.97.

New Business:

There is a change of policy with the Denver Museum in using the West Auditorium. Now arrangements are made every three months. Meeting times are arranged thru March of 1986. Dates will be the same, the 1st Tuesday of each month except for March – meeting will be 1st Wed of the month.

Christmas count will be December 21, and the tally dinner will be at Wyatt's at Bear Valley. Jack Reddall and Kathy Hawkins are compilers. Help is needed to call count area leaders and a PR person is needed to contact the newspapers, TV and radio stations. If interested, see Jack or Kathy. Colorado Division of Wildlife meeting was held in September with several DFO members participating. Work was done in prioritizing non-game species and habitat areas for study.

Old Business: None

Sightings: Whooping Crane in the marshy area east of Severance, Colorado; Female Hooded Warbler and female Blackburnian Warbler at Wheat Ridge Greenbelt; Western Kingbird on ground at Mildren Snyder's; Peregrine Falcon at Monte Vista.

Guests and new members were introduced and welcomed.

The evening's program was given by Paula Hansley and Gary Emerson. *Who's That Raising Families Behind Moraine Park Campground?* was a movie and slide presentation on a breeding bird census in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Minutes of November 5, 1985, DFO

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Hawkins. Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported $7,633.70 in checking and $412.84 in savings, for a total of $8,064.54.

New Business: Christmas count will be December 21, cost $3.00 per person. Areas will be published in *The Lark Bunting*. No meeting will be held in December.

Old Business: None.

Announcements: Catherine Hurlbutt reported on the pox virus seen in the finch birds. Feed for these birds should include grain such as millet in addition to sunflower seeds.

News was received of the sudden death of Mary Fisher on September 10th.

On Dec. 8, Jerry Cairo will lead a trip of the Weld County Lakes. Bob Righter will have a trip to the Texas Coast April 17-22. See Bob for details. New members and guests were introduced and welcomed.

Sightings: Cherry Creek: Sabine Gull; Loveland Boyd Lake: Barrow's Goldeneye, Arctic Loon.

Program for the evening was given by Carl Bach, CU Professor of Biology, on the use of data from Christmas Bird Counts.

Minutes of the January 7, 1986, DFO meeting

Meeting was called to order by president Kathy Hawkins. Minutes of the November 5, 1986 meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported $858.88 in checking and $7,725.38 in savings, for a total of $8584.26.

New Business: Volunteer drivers are needed to assist people in getting to Axtell's to view the Cape May Warbler. The Division of Wildlife would appreciate any ideas for publicizing the income tax form checkoff.

Old Business: Ninety-three species and 18,000 individuals were sighted on the 1985 Christmas Bird Count. Details will be published in the January issue of *The Lark Bunting*.

Announcements:

Inexpensive birdseed may be purchased from the Farmer's Marketing Association at 4560 Monroe.

New members and guests were introduced and welcomed. Among the guests were 6 members of Arvada scout troop 506 and their sponsor Linda Christianson.

Sightings: Bowles Grove Park: 1st year Greater White-Fronted Goose and a male Barrow's Goldeneye; North and east of Barr Lake on the plains: thousands of Lapland Longspurs.

Program for the evening was given by Jerry Craig, the raptor specialist for the Division of Wildlife. He spoke and showed slides about the status of raptors in the state of Colorado.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Hawkins

Meeting February 4, 1986

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 by the president Kathy Hawkins. The minutes of the January 7th meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report showed a balance in the checking account of $1,085.60 and in the savings account of $7,774.00, for a total of $8,859.60.

New Business: The March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5th instead of the usual Tuesday date.

Old Business: None.

Announcements:

A reminder of the Lane series and the D.F.O. patches for sale at meeting.

Dave Martin announced a Raptor Identification Clinic to be held at the Denver Museum of Natural History on February 15th and 16th. The cost is $10. Call Dave for further information.

New members and guests were introduced.

Sightings:

Eurasian Wigeon at Barr Lake; Ringed Turtle Dove in Littleton; Pygmy Owl at 18th and Jackson in Golden near the reclaiming center; Thayers, Glaucous, Laughing (1st winter), Herring gulls at Cherry Creek.

Informal Communication: D. W. King showed slides of his latest paintings.

Program for the evening was given by Harold Holt on the Hawaiian Islands and other Nearby Islands (including the Pribilofs).

Meeting March 5, 1986

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 by President Kathy Hawkins. Minutes of the February 4 meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported $1,148.50 in checking, $7,819.50 in savings, for a total of $8,968.00.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Announcements:

Patches and book are for sale.

The 3rd Annual Whooping Crane Festival will be at Monte Vista March 21 and 22. See Bob Spencer for details.

Anyone who took part in the Colorado non-game workshop Sept. 21, 1985, please see D. W. King or call Judy Shepard, Division of Wildlife.

Sightings: Great Horned Owl nesting on Duck Island at City Park. Blue Herons at Chatfield. Saw-Whet Owl at Boulder. Long-eared Owl at Standley Lake. Great Horned Owl nesting near Building 16 at Denver Federal Center. Common Grackle at Warren Finch's bird feeder.

New members: and guests were introduced and welcomed.

Informal Communications: Dave Martin has some slides on the Saw Whet Owl.

Program was given by Naturalist Dave Hallock , *Applying Field Ornithology to the Real World – How You Can Make a Difference.* A slide and talk on amateur ornithological research projects in Boulder County and how the results have influenced land-use planning.

Meeting of April 1st, 1986

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Hawkins. Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported savings of $7,819.00, checking $1,265.00, for a total of $9,084.00.

New Business: On April 4th and 5th at the University of Colorado, Boulder, the zoological division of AASA will present scientific papers. All are invited to attend the sessions. A meeting to discuss the idea of a Colorado Bird Atlas will be held at the Division of Wildlife on Monday, April 14 at 7:00 PM. Call Kathy or Hugh [Kingery] for more details.

Old Business: None

Announcements:

Denver Audubon Society meeting on Tuesday, April 8, is a slide show on *Wildlife of Australia*.

CFO trip to Wray, Colorado for Prairie Chickens will be April 26 & 27.

CFO Convention will be at Colorado Springs, May 17 & 18. Details of trips will be in the May *Lark Bunting.*

Avian Awareness Day is Tuesday, April 24, J.J. Audubon's birthday.

The Birdathon is the first week of May.

DFO's one and only Catherine Hurlburt will be one of the leading stars on television April 22, at 7:00 PM on Channel 9. She will be honored as part of the "People Who Care" program.

New members and guests were introduced and welcomed.

Sightings: Al Kay has located 3 nesting holes for Eastern Screech Owls at Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Call Al for details. Golden eagle on a nest east of Castle Rock. Jerry Craig reported 4 nesting pairs of Bald Eagle. Greater Yellowlegs on pond near Evergreen. Turkey Vultures near Chatfield.

The program was given by Bob Cohen, Professor of Biology at Metro State on *The Tree Swallow: Its Breeding Biology and Population Dynamics*.

The May program will be a picnic at Cherry Creek.

Meeting of May 6th, 1986

Meeting of DFO for May was a picnic at the group-use area of Cherry Creek Reservoir followed by an early evening bird watch.

September 2, 1986

The September 2nd meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists was called to order by the president, Kathy Hawkins.

Minutes of the April 1st,1986, meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Savings account $9.492.00 (Including $300 for Paul Rechel Memorial & $100.00 for John Sanden Memorial); Checking $478.00; Total $9,970.00

The Slate of Officers and Board of Directors for the 1986-1987 term was read. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Slate as proposed, and the vote was unanimous.

Under new business, it was announced that the museum has raised the cost for the use of the auditorium. The new price is $50.00 per meeting – which is a lower price than other organizations pay.

Memorials for Paul Rechel and John Sanden will be discussed at the next Board of Directors Meeting. If you have any suggestions, please contact someone on the board.

Under announcements, Catherine Hurlbutt mentioned an increase in shooting of hawks and she is selling bumper stickers to benefit Sigrid Ubelacker's raptor rehabilitation center. Christmas Count will be December 20th, 1986.

Under Sightings: Least Bitterns were seen on Weld Co. Rd. 5, Blue Grouse young at Drowsy Water Dude Ranch, and Roadrunner and Philadelphia Vireo on the SE Colorado field trip to Cottonwood Canyon and Two Buttes on August 29-30.

New members were introduced.

Vice President Hugh Kingery, announced that the next meeting would be on the second Wednesday of October (October 8, 1986). The speaker will be Peter Stacey, Curator of Ornithology of DMNH.

Then Hugh introduced Kate Kittleman of the Department of EPO Biology of CU, who gave a program on the *Avian Brood Parasitism of the Brown-headed Cowbird*. She requested that we report any species that we note having a parasitized nest or feeding Cowbird young.

Following questions and answers, the meeting was adjourned.

Board Meeting, October 1, 1986

Meeting was held at Kathy Hawkins's home. Present were: Kathy Hawkins, Hugh Kingery, Bob Righter, Carol Hack, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler, Linda Emmert, Jack Reddall, Alan Hay, Harold Oliver, Dick Schottler, Virginia Edens, Harold Holt, and Lynn Willcockson.

Treasurer presented the expenses for 1985-1986 and projected revenues and expenses for 1986-1987. The projected budget was approved. (ATTACHMENT)

The question was raised: "What is the philosophy of the large savings account?" After discussion, it was agreed that it serves as a "nest egg" to assure the continuance of the club. In addition, it allows us a choice in projects such as our past participation in redoing the bird hall at the Denver Museum of Natural History, Niedrach Trail at Barr Lake, Bailey Nesting Area, Howard Rollins memorial, etc. It was also agreed that this needs to be explained to the members.

The memorials for Paul Rachel and John Sanden were discussed. Kathy Hawkins will contact the families to see if they have special wishes. Options discussed included possibly joining funds and naming trail at Roxborough Park or bird books for the Douglas County Schools.

Alternate DFO meeting sites were discussed as the museum now costs $50 a night and we are not guaranteed the first Tuesday of every month. Schools, libraries, churches, parks department buildings, and businesses were discussed. Jack Reddall made a motion that a committee be formed to explore alternate sites and report back. They should consider meeting night, cost, available parking, and a central location. Motion was passed. Ruth Wheeler will serve on the committee.

The question of club liability and personal liability of officers, directors, and field trip leaders was discussed. Lynn Willcockson said that the $100,000 to $300,000 liability insurance for a club our size would run approximately $350 to $500 a year. It was approved for Hugh Kingery to approach Tom Faxon for a legal opinion. It was also approved to expend money, if necessary, to get legal advice.

The Rare Bird Alert was discussed. Lynn Willcockson would like us to begin looking for someone to take over the Rare Bird Alert. We discussed what to include on the tape (ATTACHMENT). Discussion was also held about changing to a business listing which would be approximately $40 a month. Current listing is $16 a month. Board voted to leave listing as is.

Note: Board would like to commend Lynn Willcockson for the exceptional job he has done on setting up and running the Rare Bird Alert for the past 4 years!

Board members were asked to begin thinking about possible replacements for Lynn Wilcockson, Bob Righter, and a recording secretary.

Christmas Bird Count will be December 20th 1986. Compilation dinner will be at Wyatt's in Bear Valley. Someone is needed to do Paul Rechel's Job as count recruiter.

Hugh Kingery gave a presentation on the Breeding Bird Atlas. He was seeking endorsement (mailing list and publicity) and sponsorship ($0.50 per member or $500 minimum). He is seeking corporate support of $500,000. Division of Wildlife has committed approximately 20% in-kind including use of computers. Harold Holt made motion to endorse the Breeding Bird Atlas. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

October 1, 1986 Board Meeting Treasurer’s Report

SEPT 85 – SEPT 86

REVENUES

MEMBERSHIP

255 MEMBERS @ $10 = $2,550

50 MEMBERS @ $5 = $225 $2,780

INTEREST ON SAVINGS ACCOUNT	$550
BOOK SHOP	
Includes book, patches, misc.	
GROSS SALES $430	
COST* OF SALES $550	-$120
(*includes $453.06 cost of patches)	
RARE BIRD CONTRIB. – 9 people	$173
TRIP CONTRIBUTION	$100
TOTAL	**$3,483.00**

EXPENSES

PRINTING (approx. 10% increase over 1985)	$2,162
(includes $120 Christmas Count printing mail)	
MEETING EXP.	$170.75
MISC (stamps, typewriter ribbon, Christmas Count expenses, minor repairs)	$112
PHONE Mt. Bell = $168.03	
ATT = $30.53	
	$198.56
TOTAL	**$2643.31**

October 1, 1986 Board Meeting Treasurer's Report (CONTINUED)

PROJECTED BUDGET

SEPT 86 – SEPT 87

REVENUES

MEMBERSHIP		$2,700
INTEREST ON SAVINGS ($9,500 X 6	%)	$570
BOOK SALES		$200
CONTRIBUTIONS TO RARE BIRD		$150
TOTAL		**$3,620.00**

EXPENSES

PRINTING (10% increase over 1986)	$2,400
MEETING (7 meetings x $50)	$350
STAMPS (misc)	$125
PHONE Mt. Bell = $195 ATT = $40 Repair = $100 Disconnect = $50 Reconnect = $100 Total	$485
CHRISTMAS COUNT EXPENSES	$120
TOTAL	**$3,480**

October 1, 1986, Board Meeting Rare Bird Alert Addendum

Rare Bird Alert: What goes into the report?

- area to be covered (Colorado)
- name of observer and phone number (no)
- more details on description of bird (male/female, plumage)
- more details on directions
- general information
- common species: extreme dates, high or low counts, etc.

October 8, 1986

The October 8th meeting was called to order by the president, Kathy Hawkins.

Hugh Kingery introduced the speaker for the evening – Peter Stacey, Curator of Ornithology, DMNH, who gave a presentation on the cooperative nesting habits of the Acorn Woodpecker.

Informal Communication: Hal Rup on Sandhill Cranes in the San Luis Valley and Joe Rigli's artwork an owl nest.

The minutes of the September 2nd meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report showed a checking account balance of $200.76, Savings Balance of $9361.00, including a Paul Rechel Memorial Fund of $300.00 and a John Sanden Memorial Fund of $249.00, totaling $9,561.76.

Kathy Hawkins mentioned that the club does not make a profit on the $10.00 membership dues and that the large bank account represents past gifts and interest over the years. We maintain this large account as a safety cushion to assure the club's contingence.

Announcements: Thompson Marsh mentioned that at the recent ABA Convention Jim Lane received the Ludlow Griscom Award and that Harold Holt had made a speech at the ceremony. The award has been given only four times – to Roger Tory Peterson, Olin Pettingill, Chandler Robbins, and now Jim Lane.

Hugh Kingery announced that the speakers for the November 4th meeting would be Bob Rozinski and Wendy Shatill.

Sightings included many Ospreys at Cherry Creek Res. and at Chatfield. Hugh Kingery mentioned an owl at Chatfield who appears to be blind in one eye.

November 4, 1986

The November 4 meeting of the Denver Field Ornithologists was called to order by Hugh Kingery.

Minutes of the October 8 meeting were read and approved.

New Business: The museum has raised rates for renting space for meetings from $20 to $50 a meeting. A committee is forming to find a new place to hold meetings. Contact Hugh Kingery, Ruth Wheeler, or Kathy Hawkins if you can help with this project.

Announcements:

Denver Christmas Count Saturday, December 20 followed by a compilation meeting at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Bear Valley Shopping Center. All invited. For more information see *The Lark Bunting* or contact Kathy Hawkins.

Other counts: Sunday, December 21, Evergreen and Boulder; December 28, Douglas County; also planned Rocky Mountain Park, Pawnee Grasslands, Bonney Reservoir and Ft. Morgan.

Watch for orange ribbons on bald eagles and report sightings, as will be outlined in the *next Lark Bunting*, as to a special phone number to call in your sightings of orange-tagged birds.

Sightings: Bush tits near Lyons; Common, Pacific, Red-throated Loons on Cherry Creek Reservoir; Harlan's Hawk, Empire Reservoir; Red necked Grebe, Sandhill Crane, Parasitic Jaeger, Jackson Reservoir; Many Sandhill Cranes flying over Denver October 11; Whooping Crane at Barr Lake same bird as last year at Hudson.

Slides: unknown flycatcher; Ross's Goose

Program: Introduced by Hugh Kingery, Photographers and authors Wendy Shatill and Bob Rosinsky presented their art.

Meeting adjourned.